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Sharon map: Two buffer zones, PA 'islands'

Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon is going into today's mini-cabinet meeting on the projected West Bank redeployment with a map delineating two "essential" security zones, one parallel to the Jordan River and the other east of the 1949 armistice line.

As explained to The Jerusalem Post yesterday, the Jordan Valley zone would be 20 km. wide and the strip overlooking the coastal plain seven to 10 km. wide.

Sharon says these zones are necessary to enable the IDF to cope with what he says is the inevitable establishment of a

Palestinian state in the intervening areas. The narrower zone along the western slopes of the hills of Samaria and the Judean mountains would protect Israel's

Mordechai's map creates 3 Palestinian blocs, Page 2

most densely populated region, while the wider zone spanning the Jordan River Valley would separate the Palestinian state from Jordan

In Sharon's view, "the Palestinians zones which are populated by must not sit on the hanks of the Jordan Palestinians would be matamount to River," because they could thereby "islands" within an Israeli-controlled must not sit on the hanks of the Jordan River," because they could thereby undermine and eventually topple the

He will enter today's meeting prepared

to spell out in detail his geographical, strategical and political concepts to the other three members of the cahinet team charged with demarcating the depth and location of the second troop redeployment - Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Foreign Minister David Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Those sectors of the proposed security

sea, he says. The IDF would maintain total control of security within them, but the Palestinian Authority would provide their non-Israeli residents with schooling, health services and other civilian

They also would have virtually unrestricted freedom of movement, with few if any IDF roadhlocks or other travel restrictions. But the Palestinian "islands" would have to remain as such and not become contiguous to one another.

"It may be necessary to make some

adjustments in the Oslo Accords," Sharon suggests, contending that the alternative would jeopardize Israel's and Jordan's security.

Sharon says he wants the Netanyahu government to "draw our red lines" and make sure that unlike those promulgated in the past they are indelible and irrefutable. PA Chairman Yasser Arafat must be "made to understand that he cannot continue playing games without

Sharon's conception of the West Bank heartland, most of which eventually will be under the PA's jurisdiction, is that of a crazy quilt, with patches of Arab-populated terrain in close proximity but not directly attached to one another.

The geographical patchwork would be even more complicated by the open-ended presence of Israeli settlements in

its midst. These would remain intact.
Sharon says the Palestinians will put a much higher priority on their areas being contiguous with one another, to such an extent that they would forgo desolate sections of the Judean desert of the Jordan Valley if they could keep their populated sectors as easily accessible as

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Nazi gold conference

Delegates listen as British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook delivers his opening speech at the conference on Nazi gold in London

Weizman calls on sides to resolve dispute

700,000 on strike

The country will grind to a halt today as 700,000 workers walk off the job in an open-ended general strike against government policies.

All government offices and companies, as well as hospitals, the telecommunications sector, banks and other services will be effected if no agreement can be reached between the Histadrut and the gov-

The strike will exclude the education system and Egged and Dan

Team set up to solve TA garbage dispute, Page 4

President Ezer Weizman stepped in late last night in an attempt to

avert the strike. "This strike will have grave implications on the country's econmy, and on hundreds of thousands of people, especially in the health, welfare, and industrial fields," Weizman said in a statement read out by Beit Hanassi director-general Arye Shumer late last night, "I call on both sides to postpone

the strike and allow time for negotiations to allow the workers to work out their demands in order to prevent the collapse of the economy and services," according to the statement.

Earlier in the evening, Shumer said contacts had been set up with both sides, and Weizman had been in touch with them.

Who's on strike

 Hospitals and health **funds**

Airports

SeaportsTelecommunications · Israel Electric Corp. · Ministries and government Institutions and

corporations Local authorities

Na'amat and WIZO day-

care centers

Banks Israel Railways · Tel Aviv Stock Exchange They are trying to close down the country, and the president is doing his best to keep it open,"

"Unfortunately, it doesn't seem like we will be able to totally avert the strike, but there is a good chance that there will be a meeting with the president's involvement early in the morning in the hope that the strike will be stopped," Shumer said.

"Tomorrow, the State of Israel will be closed and nothing will move," cried Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz last night, after declaring the strike at an emergency gathering of thousands of union members in Tel Aviv.

The union leaders supported Peretz's decision and even urged him to start the strike last night, insisting this time the workers will not return to work until the Treasury agrees to keep agreements.

The split between the Treasury and the Histadrut was complete last night, as Peretz refused Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's request to meet this

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PA captures 100 kilograms of explosives

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian intelligence officials yesterday announced they had found 100 kilograms of explosives in the dormitory room of Zaharan Ahu Asbeh, 22, a Hamas activist at an-Najah University in Nahlus. Asbeh

The officials charged Asbeh was planning to carry out a terrorist attack Other Palestinian sources claimed Asbeh had the explosives in his possession when he was captured by Palestinian policemen. He reportedly was being detained in a Nablus prison.

On November 22, Asbeh's hrother Badran, 23, hlew himself up while preparing a bomb in his Rafat home. IDF troops found materials used to manufacture bombs in the demolished room. Military sources at the time claimed Asbeh was a Hamas activist.

The two brothers were reported to be followers of Yihye Ayyash, the Engineer. Palestinian intelligence officials said they had gathered information on Asbeh while investigating his hrother's death. Palestinian officials said they alerted the General Security Service

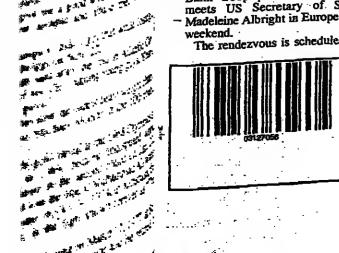
shortly after Asbeh was caught. Palestinian sources claimed the importance of Asbeh's capture was being exaggerated in order to prove to Israel that the PA is combatting

PM to meet Albright in Europe

By JAY BUSHINSKY and HILLEL KUTTLER

Prime . Minister .. Binyamin Netanyahu will have an unforeseen opportunity to outline the government's projected West Bank troop pullhack when he meets US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Europe this

The rendezvous is scheduled to



take place after Netanyahu's private dinner with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn tomorrow and before his talks with French President Jacques Chirac in Paris on Sunday.

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However, senior government officials did not disclose the precise venue or time, except to say that it would be somewhere hetween the German and French capitals.

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Jerusalem couple found dead in murder-suicide

Police unsure whether top model or PM's hairdresser pulled the trigger

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Top fashion model Anat Elimelech and her boyfriend, hairdresser David Afuta, were found dead in their Jerusalem apartment yesterday, in an apparent murder/suicide that has police stymied over who pulled

the trigger. Police found Afuta, 32, on the living room floor with two ballet wounds in his chest. Elimelech. 23, also had a gunshoi wound in her chest, and a gun was found close to her hody.

Friends said the two, who had been together for five years, had lately been having trouble. Afuta had been cutting the hair of Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu and his wife. Sara, until two weeks ago, when he stopped servicing them. "He said it was too hard for

him to pick up every day and go give them a haircut," said Isaac Nahmias, a close friend of the

couple. "Also, he was having

problems with Anal." Nahmias said he was talking to Afuta till 11 p.m. Monday night, when the hairdresser said he didn't feel well, was feeling sad, and was going to sleep. "It's a shock to everyone,

something you can't believe," Nahmias said. "These two wonderful people, who weren't lacking anything in their lives."
Police said family members tried to contact the couple, and when no one answered their cellular phone or telephone, the

father of Elimelech and two brothers of Afuta arrived separately at their apartment in Ramat Beit Hakerem about Getting no answer at the door. the hrothers climbed onto the roof and made their way into the

window Upon discovering the bodies. they called police. Elimelech had appeared on

penthouse apartment through a

Anat Elimelech and boyfriend David Afnta

Dudu Topaz's TV show on Monday night, but did not return

home to sleep. She arrived at the apartment at 8 a.m., police said. Family and friends said the couple had lately been going through a difficult period, and

that Elimelech had wanted to leave Afuta but he prevented her. An attorney friend of the Elimelech family said Anat's

father had told him two weeks ago that Anat had quoted Afuta

as saying that if she left him, he would kill her and himself. Afuta had been married and had two children. He and his wife separated seven years ago,

hut reportedly never divorced. The couple first met when Elimelech was in the army. The romance soon blossomed, and

Afuta pushed her to become a model.

Greer Fay Cashman adds: Shock waves swept through the modelling and fashion industries at the news that Elimelech

"I was shocked to hear that she came to such a violent end," said Ofer Raphaeli of the Look Agency, which discovered her when she was 16.

A heauty with magnificent blue eyes, Elimelech was both a photographic and a runway model with enormous potential. The high point in her career was when she modelled for the exclusive Elite international agency in Tokyo, said Raphaeli. Elimelech's ambitions ran beyond modelling, and two years ago Look introduced her to an actors' agent, who got her into television productions and

commercials. Elimelech, according to both Raphaeli and Nurit Bat Yaar. Yediot Aharonot's long-time fashion columnist, did not allow

success to go to her head. "Her feet were firmly planted on the ground," said Bat Yaar. "She wasn't flighty like many of the other models. I just can't imagine her involved in any act

Widow of Beirut community head living here in poverty

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The wife of the former head of the Beirut Jewish community has been living here in abject poverty and supports her three children hy cleaning houses. Her husband disappeared 15 years ago, apparently kidnapped by Syrian agents.

The woman, M., never received any

recognition of her status or help from the state, despite the fact that both she and her husband had been Prisoners of Zion. M. managed to reach Israel about 14 years

ago by bribing Lebanese border officials. However, she was shot twice in the back as she tried to cross over, her son said. Earlier, she had spent a year-and-a-half in jail for pro-Israel activities.

Her husband was abducted twice after the authorities learned he had smuggled Jews into Israel. Although he was returned the first time, he has not been heard from since being abducted from his office in 1982, the son said. A family friend from Beirut corroborated the details and said that the family had been extremely well established in Beirut.

The story emerged yesterday at an emergency meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee, called by chairman Yossi Katz (Labor), with the participation of the woman's son, family friends, and Ya'acov Mizrahi, head of the Kiryat Ata Religious Council. Absorption Ministry representa-

tives also attended. Mizrahi said he had come across the woman when she appealed to the council to prove that she is Jewish. He said he was amazed by her plight and decided to write to MKs to demand state recognition for her.

injustice," said Katz, who said he had been informed by the Prime Minister's Office that M.'s husband is no longer alive. Attempts had been made to free him, Katz said, and when it was established that he was dead, to retrieve his remains.

Katz appealed to ministry officials to arrange a special pension for the woman, as the widow of a person who had died in enemy hands.

Ministry officials said they are considering various options to help her.

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Arad in Washington today

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's adviser Uzi Arad was to arrive in Washington last night for a day of meetings with US officials. He is to fly to New York tonight. An embassy official said that Arad's visit would deal mainly with Israeli concern over Russia's continued support for Iran's nuclear and missile programs. Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar would most likely not accompany Arad, since he is travelling to Atlanta today, but another embassy official will participate, he said. Ben-Elissar has not yet received an answer from the White House on whether a meeting is to take place Monday between President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister . Hillel Kuttler Binyamin Netanyahu, the official said.

Mordechai testifies about Mashaal Affair

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai who appeared yesterday before the Knesset Subcommittee on Secret Services, which is investigating the Mashaal Affair, later said he expects no problem if the Knesset committee and the government-appointed investigative committee headed by Joseph Ciechanover reach different conclusions. "But whatever the conclusions, I'm sure they will be important and it is very important to learn from them," he added. On Monday the Kniesset committee decided there is no reason at this stage to draw conclusions regarding the individuals involved.

"The committee is sovereign and autonomous," he said. "I told them all I knew - and all I didn't know - and gave them everything I bad on the Mashaal Affair."

IDF arrests 12 near Bethlehem

IDF troops arrested 12 Palestinians from the Abadiyah village near Bethlehem late Monday night. The IDF Spokesman said the Palestinians are suspected of belonging to terrorist organizations and bave been transferred to the General Security Services for questioning. Palestinian sources said IDF troops raided the village shortly before dawn and arrested the Palestinians after Margot Dudkevitch carrying out a bouse-to-house search.

Rabin: IDF will withdraw in West Bank

Yuval Rabin, the leader of the Dor Shalom movement, came away from a meeting with Foreign Minister David Levy convinced that there will be an IDF pullback in the West Bank, if only because Levy will see to it that there is one.

After winning assurances from Levy that the government is determined to go on with the peace process, Rabin asked that his organization, officially known as Dor Shalem Doresh Shalom (An Entire Generation Demands Peace), be enabled to participate in joint Israeli-Palestinian projects. Rabin, son of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, said Dor Shalom will join the Nation to Nation committee headed by Foreign Ministry direc-Jay Bushinsky tor-general Eitan Bentsur.

PLO wants UN status upgraded to state

The UN General Assembly, resuming its annual debate on the "question of Palestine," was last night considering a resolution that would upgrade the UN status of the Palestine Liberation Organization to that of a state, with some limits on its privileges. Israel opposes such a move, saying the PLO does not have an "international legal personality." The PLO has had observer status at the UN since 1974. The new status, which appears certain to gain assembly support in a vote, possibly today, would be that of a state, except for the right to vote and stand for election to UN bodies.

NRP meets with US official

Richard Erdman, political counselor at the US Embassy, told National Religious Party MKs yesterday that the US understands that Israel will not progress with the peace process until the Palestinians fulfill all their obligations under the Hebron

Palestinians fulfill all their obligations under the Hebron

Agreement Friman and two other US diplomats met with NRP members in a closed meeting at the party's request yesterday. NRP whip Hanan Porat said the meeting was called to ask that the US stop putting pressure on Israel as long as the Palestinians do not abide by their commitments. Porat raised the demand that terrorists be handed over for trial in Israel and used as a comparison the extradition of the US youth accused of murder. He said Israel is bending its own laws to hand over the youth. Liat Collins

Farrakhan seeks official meetings

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan has requested meetings with Israeli officials when he bopes to visit the country on January 7, an embassy official said. A representative of Farrakhan called recently, and the embassy sent the request and its own recommendation to Jerusalem, the official said. He refused to state what the recommendation is.

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Mordechai map creates 3 PA blocs various options for the second Ya acov Or and other senior offi-

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The defense establishment plan for a troop pullback calls for establishing three blocs of Palestinian-controlled regions in the West Bank focusing on Jenin and Nablus in the North and Hebron in the South, defense

Peace Now calls for evacuating isolated settlements

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Peace Now called for the evacuation of 24 settlements and for 50 percent of the West Bank to be handed over to the Palestinians as part of the interim agreement before final status talks begin.

In a press conference at Jerusalem's Beit Agron yesterday. the group revealed a map depicting its plans, saying that IDF redeployment should be carried out in such a way to provide Palestinian control over configuous areas which include the bulk of the Palestinian population. The group said this would greatly reduce violent confrontations between Palestinians and Israelis and lessen the burden on the IDF.

The Oslo Accords, which granted geographic contiguity to all the settlements in Area C, also fragmented Palestinian villages. breaking them up into approxi-mately 190 islands, Hebrew Amiram Prof. University Goldblum said.

Area B, he continued, was delineated according to Palestinian population concentrations and the separation between these concentrations is the result of settlement locations and access roads to the settlements and transportation arteries in the West Bank.

Peace Now is calling for the evacuation of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip which it says form small, isolated clusters which are difficult and expensive to protect. The settlements include the Jewish community in Hebron, Elon Moreh. Itamar, US, UK open \$6m. fund for

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - The US and Britain

said yesterday, at the opening of an international conference on

Nazi gold, that they opened a fund

of nearly \$6 million to compensate

Holocaust survivors.
France, however, is understood

to have refused to join its

Tripartite Gold Commission part-

ners in contributing to the fund.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook announced at the 42-nation

London Conference on Nazi Gold

yesterday that that British govern-

ment bad opened an account at the

Federal Reserve Bank of New

York and had made a deposit of £1

The head of the US delegation,

Undersecretary of State Stuart

Eizenstat, immediately announced

that the Clinton administration

would make a downpayment of \$4

million on what, given congressional approval, would amount to

a total contribution of \$25m. over

the next three years.

France, the third member of the

commission, which was set up

immediately after the war to dis-

burse gold that the Nazis had

plundered from Holocaust victims

and occupied countries, has so far

declined to make a commitment to

Instead, France - a beneficiary

as well as an executor of the com-

mission - is expected to use its

share to create its own fund to

the British-American fund.

million as the basis for the fund.

Jewish settlements will find themselves surrounded by Palestinian

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is to present the plan in the meeting today with the minicabinet - made up of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Foreign Minister David Levy.

Under the proposal, some National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Mordechai.

They are to draw up the final maps and timetables for implementing the second redeploy-

In preparation for today's meet-Mordechai gathered top defense officials and IDF brass in his office yesterday to muli the troop withdrawal.

Participating in the 90-minute meeting was Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak, OC Planning
Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai,
Coordinator for government activities in the territories Maj. Gen.

The "security interest" map is essentially the same drawn up prior to the March redeployment, which was hever-implemented after the Palestinguis rejected it.

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Arafat: Our state already exists

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHAMMED NAJIB

The Palestinian state already exists, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday in response to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's Monday statement that Israel would annex the Jordan Valley and other territories if Arafat unilaterally declares a state.

Speaking to reporters following a three-hour meeting with Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salem Majali and his foreign minister in Ramallah, Arafat said: "Let it be quite clear to all that the state of Palestine exists and al-Kuds al-Sharif (Jerusalem) that was occupied in 1967 will be its capital. Netanyahn's policy advised David Bar-Illan told Israel Television yesterday that such intentions by the Palestinians will mean "a scuttling of agreements and we too will take unilateral action that may include putting all territories under Israeli control."

The meeting between Majali and Arafat followed Sunday's cabinet decision on an IDF withdrawal from unspecified areas in the West Bank. Implementation of the redeployment however is linked to PA fulfillment of its commitments in the Hebron Accord.

The Palestinians rejected the cabinet decision, charging that Israel is attempting to skirt agreements and rewrite the peace accords....

Majali charged that the Israel's stand is an obstacle to peace and said: "All of Jerusalem, not only east Jerusalem, is up for negotia-tions in the final-status talks.



Hebrew University Prof. Amiram Goldblum explains Peace Now's redeployment proposal at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

Yitzhar, Otniel, Beit Haggai, Eli, Ofra and Ma'aleh Levona.

In contrast, Goldblum said, approximately 45 settlements in the Jordan Valley and Hebron hills are not surrounded by densely populated Palestinian villages and access to them can be assured without passing through Palestinian-controlled areas. The 30 settlements close to the Green

Holocaust victims at gold parley

The announcement of the \$6m.

fund came one day after a new

Swiss study reported that Nazi

Germany stole \$146m. in gold

om Holocaust victims and other

Yet another document, released

yesterday by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, confirmed

anew the extent of lonting from individuals. US Army documents

show that 5,276 gold bar were

recovered from sources including

the "Melmer" accounts, named

after SS Hauptsturmfuhrer Bruno

Melmer, who was responsible for

laundering stolen gold.

Mucb of the recovered gold was

thought to be "monetary gold" that

came from banks, as opposed to

gold from individuals. All but 1.4

percent of the 337 tons of gold has

been distributed by the Tripartite

At the three-day conference,

Britain and the US were hoping to

convince the 15 claimant countries

to contribute all or most of their

shares of the final tranche - worth

about \$60m. - to the fund, which is

intended to benefit the most needy

survivors, mostly in eastern Europe.

claimants had "responded posi-

tively" to the suggestion and added

that "a number of countries have

already said they will make contri-

butions." He did not identify them.

A state that forfeits its national

Cook told the conference that the

Gold Commission.

of the Holocaust.

dividuals.

assist specifically French victims claim to the gold could contribute

Line are similar in status, he

added. Meanwhile, the Government Press Office said that the Declaration of Principles and interim agreement in Oslo 2 do not restrict or prohibit the establishment or expansion of Jewish communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. The statement quoted former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin

its share to the Britisb-American

fund, or designate it to be used for

Nazi victims within its own bor-

Cook urged delegates to "avoid

the second tragedy of those who survived the Holocaust being left

to live ont their days in poverty."

The legacy of the Nazis "still

leaves a heavy band on the

world," he said. "But the legacy is

not all bad. Britain and Germany

are now leading members of a

European Union, which has made

another war in Europe unthink-

able. The people of Israel have

created their own state, built out

of the hopes of a people that sur-

vived. And we bave the inspira-

tion of those who will not allow

Edgar Bronfman, president of

the World Jewish Congress, said

in London that it would be "a sym-

bolic measure of justice" to hand

over the remaining Nazi gold to

being made as a favor," he said.

that are now known and which we

The request for this gold is not

"It is based on the awful facts

Bronfman declined to specify

the precise amount he believes is

due to Jewish survivors, but said

he considered it to be "a nine-fig-

ure number - and I am keeping the

However, Thomas Borer, head

of the Swiss delegation, dismissed

the demand in an interview to

Swiss Radio. "If justified demands

for money are presented, they will

first number in my head."

Holocaust survivors.

must face up to."

the Holocaust to be forgotten."

presenting Oslo 2 to the Knesset on October 5, 1995.

"I wish to remind you we made a commitment, meaning we reached an agreement, we made a commitment to the Knesset not to uproot any settlement in the framework of the Interim Agreement, nor freeze construction or natural growth," Rabin

Russian envoy to Levy: We'll help renew talks

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Russia's readiness to belp renew the multilateral talks which are a key component of the Middle East peace process and to offer Moscow as a venue for the talks was announced yesterday by visit-ing Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Victor Possavalyuk.

In a meeting with Foreign Minister David Levy, the Russian diplomat, who recently was given the concurrent post of Middle East peace envoy by President Boris Yeltsin, stressed the importance of the next IDF pullback's size and

Levy briefed Possavalyuk about the government's decision in principle to redeploy and hand over more territory to the Palestinian

Possavalyuk was scheduled to proceed to Damascus for talks with Syrian officials as part of his. regional tour. Earlier, Levy conferred with PAR

Deputy Chairman Mahmoud Abbas PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's adviser, Ahmed Tibi, and Levy's aide, Yaacov Bardugo, also: attended the session.

Neither Levy nor Abbas would. reveal any details of their conversation. Levy only said that it was important to continue working. together and natural that we should meet to evaluate the situation."

In a parallel development, Foreign Ministry director-general Eitan Bentsur briefed the European Union's peace envoy, Miguel Moratinos, on the cabinet decision to redeploy the IDF in the

DILEMMA

of the National Camp

Nadia Matar interviews

Yisrael Harel - Author and Columnist Geula Cohen - Former Knesset Member

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WJC to request moratorium on Swiss banks sanctions

LONDON (AP) - The World Jewish Congress announced Monday that it will ask for a moratorium on sanctions against Swiss banks for a limited period of time.

Edgar Bronfman, the organization's president, will request the moratorium at a meeting of US state and local officials in New York next Monday to discuss sanctions against Swiss banks, a senior official of the World Jewish Congress said.

The main participants at the New York meeting have indicated they will accept the limited moratorium, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "In fact, this will be the position

adopted there," he said. Recently, California's treasurer suspended investment dealings with American subsidiaries of Swiss banks and New York City's controller denied the Union Bank of Switzerland a lead role in a bond offering. Finance officials from New York state have also taken measures against Swiss banks.

US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, who plans to attend the conference in New York, has asked state and local officials to lift the threat of economic sanctions against Swiss institutions, calling the measures "counter-productive."

be met immediately, but it will be up to the Swiss government to decide, not this kind of blanket demand for money."

Eizenstat said the conference represented "an important step toward completing a significant portion of the unfinished business of the Second World War."

And referring to the fund, he added: "We are doing so in a way which extends both a moral gesture and a material contribution to justice, bowever little and late, for Holocaust survivors."

Marilyn Henry contributed to this report.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng-ash-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Clab will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA. King David Street. Mr. Sherwin Pomerantz

Beilin outlines Lebanon pullback

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and DAVID RUDGE

A nine-point plan of action to withdraw troops from Lebanon was presented yesterday by the Movement for a Peaceful Departure from Lebanon, beginning with a unilateral decision to

"This is a realistic effort to get out of Lebanon," said MK Yossi Beilin (Labor), who heads the movement, It is not just a group of people who believe in a cause and who try to advance their cause. It is realistic because it is not an ideological issue, it is a trans-partisan issue. It is not a political issue, which is more important, because it doesn't threaten to break the current coalition."

The plan calls for the IDF to redeploy along the international border, and that the government will take all of the necessary steps to assure maximum security for the residents of the North.

This would include installing the most sophisticated equipment along the border, including an electrified fence, which could cost NIS I billion, according to Beilin.



MK Yossi Beilin outlines his plan for a withdrawal from Lebanon yesterday. At his left is Uri Dromi, a former colonel in the IAF.

Israel will announce its intention to withdraw within six months, and prepare for redeployment by ensurng the well-being of the soldiers of the SLA, improving the civil defense system for the residents of the North, and perhaps developing an option for lovolving a third

"elite society," which includes

the political and mass media

In Vesti, Sblomo Groman

comments that the left-wing

press made Lieberman the target

of an abusive eampaign because

be is "a strong, confident per-

sonality who asserted his politi-

cal opinions, which were differ-

ent from those of the mass media." The Likud, says Groman, contrary to the protec-

tionism of Labor, does not value

its devoted supporters, particu-

understandings with Lebanon.

The government, meanwhile, is set to hold further discussions over unilateral withdrawal.

reportedly said at Sunday's cabinet meeting that it is important that senior officers be able to speak freely, even if their views contradict those of the defense minister and chief of general staff.

"Officers of all ranks must be allowed to express their views freely... also before the political

level, although not on every subject," Katsav said yesterday, according to Israel Radio.

Beilin has accused Defense Minister Yazhak Mordechai of straining to hide the truth regarding south Lebanon, and trying to prevent senior officers in Northern Command from expressing their views.

M & S insists: We are committed to Israel

Three soldiers

wounded in Lebanon

By DAVID HARRIS

By DAVID RUDGE

Three IDF soldiers were moderately wounded when a Sagger

antitank missile scored a direct hit

on a fortified outpost in the securi-

ty zone's western sector yesterday

After dark, a few hours after the

incident, Defense Minister Yitzhak

Mordechai visited an IDF posicion

deep in the security zone to make a

firsthand assessment of how offi-

cers and soldiers were coping with

for the afternoon attack, which fol-

lowed long-range mortar and mis-sile fire on the same IDF position

in the early hours of the morning.

There were no injuries in the earli-

er attack on the Rotem position,

although a building was damaged.

caused by a single Sagger penetrat-

ing a building where the soldiers

were, despite improved protection.

warplanes, according to reports from Lebanon, staged a series of

IDF gunners returned fire and

The casualties in the afternoon attack appeared to have been

Hizbullah claimed responsibility

operational duties in the region.

afternoon.

Marks and Spencer has no intention of pulling out of Israel, according to company spokesmen both here and in the UK.

Reports in Hebrew dailies yesterday claimed the company will close its retail outlets, following the breakdown of its working arrangement with local franchisee

"We are oot pulling out of Israel," said London-based spokeswoman Frances Cutts. Company executives are cur-

rently compiling a report containing a list of options for future activities in Israel, in general and specifically oaming alternative retail partners. "Obviously we want this to happen sooner rather than later," added Cutts.

So far the company is not negotiating with anyone as a replace-

ment for MSIF, which comprised Blue Square group, Northern Coop, and Co-op Jerusalem, according to Israeli spokeswoman Edna

low-level flights over the area.
The wounded soldiers were treat-

ed at the position and later evacuat-

ed by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam

Hospital. Deputy hospital director

Dr. Amichai Rubin said one was

suffering from an head wound,

another from stomach injuries and the third from leg wounds.

There has been a marked

increase in hostile activities by

Hizbullah and its Shi'ite rival

Amal in the zone's western sector

in the past few weeks, following a

lengthy period of relative quiet in

Hizbullah yesterday issued a statement in Beirut giving details

of "resistance" operations in south Lebanon during November. The organization claimed there had

been a total of 92 incidents - 71 of

them by Hizbullah, 17 by Amal,

three by the National Syrian Social

Party of Lebanon and one by Naif

Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for

The statement said that four

activists from Hizbullah and four

from Amal were killed in clashes

with the IDF during the month.

the Liberation of Palestine.

that particular region.

"We are not terminating our business in Israel but taking the necessary time to reorganize and to prepare our next steps," read a statement on behalf of the M&S board.

Trading with Israel will continue as oormal, added Iss, who said that Israel is the company's numberone foreign partner, with purchases here totaling an annual NIS 1.2

M&S has six shops in Israel. with another scheduled to be opened in the new Shalom complex in Tel Aviv.

Sources close to M&S suggest the company's losses in Israel will amount to some NIS 4 million this

plan

pull out with six months.

'Frightful Lleberman'

Many commentators are delib-

erating about the real reasons

Avigdor Lieberman "voluntarily"

resigned as director-general of

the Prime Minister's Office.

Georg Mordel in Vremya com-

pares the resignation to the strug-

gle for democratic principles in the Likud, where the elected

representatives clash with the

'princes' who inherit ministerial

positions from their fathers."

party, like the US, in efforts to reach

establishment.

RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW

Lieberman did not fit in with that I arly the Russian electorate.

over the IDF's continued presence in south Lebanon, amid growing ealls to allow senior army contmanders to express their views Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav

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Vremya stresses that "Netanyahu's

absolute confidence in Lieberman

was based entirely on bis abilities.

But this generated great animosity

toward Lieberman on the part of

the ministers, whose primary loy-

alty was to their parties and to the

particular interests of their elec-

torates," Lieberman left, but he

Bovin on the Middle East

Former Russian ambassador

"left as a victor."

returned to his job as a journalist in

Russia, says he sees the problems

of the Arab-Israeli conflict as a

"Bermuda pentangle": settlements,

Jerusalem, refugees, borders, and

status of Palestinians. In a Vesti interview, he criticizes dealing "first with the easy issues and then trying to resolve the deeper ones." He said that he had expressed his doubts about such a policy to the leaders of the previous government. According to Bovin, "It is difficult to go forward when you leave unsolved

problems behind. And that's just .

Alexander Bovin, who has what happened."

On the Israeli accusation that Russia's relations with Arab counries will "bring harm to Israel," Bovin said that "Arabs believe the US acts on behalf of Israel." Russia understands the Arabs better than the US does, he explained.

By YOSEF BEGUN

As for Iran's nuclear bomb, Bovin said, "We don't want an Iranian bomb. The reactor will not. be used for military purposes." He. claims that if the Russians left Iran. "others would come in our place and do the same."

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Milo, Peretz set up team to solve dispute

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz met yesterday and decided to set up a joint team to try to solve the labor dispute between the city and its sanitation workers, whose strike eoters its seventh day today. The two said they hoped the team would reach an agreement by tomorrow, which would enable the resumption of garbage collection to the city.

The workers, however, announced they would continue the strike and refuse to take part in the negotiations until Milo gets rid of the private contractors be hired to collect garbage.

Meanwhile, garbage has been piling up and blocks eotire sidewalks in narrow streets. In other places, garbage bags are strewn on the road itself, constituting a traffic hazard.

In the early morning hours, dog owners can be seen watcbing their pets scrabble around happily in the garbage, while the city's stray cat community is ecstatic about the new state of

Yesterday morning, hundreds of sanitation workers, joined by other city employees and by municipal workers from Rishon Lezion and Rehovot, held a stormy demonstration at Kikar Rabin, facing City Hall, at which they burned an effigy of Milo and shouted slogans against the mayor. They also unsuccessfully yelled for him to come down to talk to them.

The workers' are protesting Milo's hiring garbage collectors via private contractors and accuse him of secretly planning to replace them.

Municipal union leader Arnon Bar-David revealed that the city management suggested in negotiations that the workers clean only the northern, affinent part of the city, while ignoring southern neighborhoods and Jaffa, with its Arab population.

He rejected the city's complaints regarding the sanitation workers' inefficiency, explaining that the sanitation department is still run as though il-were in the years, but the mayor is cutting



Striking sanitation workers burn an effigy of Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo during a demonstration opposite City Hall yesterday. One worker briefly held up a sign calling Milo a 'Nazi dog.' The police asked him to take it down, and he did.

19th century. The city bas grown in population over the past few

down persoonel and then complaining they're not working hard

MKs argue over direct-election law

amendment to the committee, "because [he] felt

Shahal put forward a carefully prepared case.

From the inception, I opposed the [direct-elec-

BY BATSHEVA TSUR

Pandemonium broke out in the normally staid Knesset Law Committee yesterday as MKs crossed lines to express their intense views on the law governing direct elections of the prime

MK Moshe Shahal [Labor] presented a private member's bill that would do away with the new

The bill passed a preliminary reading in the Knesset but had been held up for nine months on the desk of committee chairman Shaul Yahalom (NRP) until Shahal decided to petition the High

Court of Justice to force his hand. Yahalom has admitted publicly that he believes the amendment would make the religious parties

Opening the meeting, which was attended by a bevy of constitutional experts and former MKs who had a say in the law's formulation, Yahalom said he had delayed bringing the proposed

tion) system which has no equal anywhere in the world," Shahal said. "The only system which it resembles is that of South Korea and I doubt whether we should use that as a model... We have

it had little chance of passing."

moved from a parliamentary democracy into a mixed-up system where the Knesset can fire the prime minister and vice versa... When we consulted foreign experts, 19 ont of 20 said this was

not a desirable system." The amendment is not aimed at Prime Minister Binyamin Nemayahu specifically, he stressed.

The Knesset is at its lowest point, Shahal continued. The prime minister hardly ever attends and the "fragmented coalition" comes merely to

"Why don't you say straight that you want to get rid of the religious parties?" interjected Yahalom.

At this point, a heated debate for and against broke out between the numerous MKs who had

crowded into the committee room. But former justice minister David Liba'i (Labor) cautioned against rushing to change the

new system. "Give it a chance," he said. "It has many good points." Direct elections helped with the swift formation of the government, Liba'i said. The system has led to a stable government and individual MKs or factions are not likely to break away and cross the floor as they did with the previous system.

Liat Collins adds: Meanwhile, a meeting of the Knesset House Committee on a request by MK Rafi Elul-(Labor) to remove Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu from his position broke up early when coalition whip Meir Sheetrit (Likud) refused to allow the media into the room to cover it. In response the Labor MKs on the committee

Tichon: Presidential vote Feb. 24

yesterday decided that the Knesset vote electing the president will take place February 24, 1998. The decision will be presented to the Knesset presidium for approval

The president is elected for a five-year term according to the Hèbrew calendar. The election has to take place no later than 90 days after and no earlier than 30 days before the end of the incumbent's term. Once the election date has been determined, candidates can be suggested in writing. The proposals must be presented no later than 10 days before the election.

Netanyahu presents equal rights bill

The Knesset plenum witnessed a couple of unusual events yesterday. Prime Minister Binyamio Netanyahu personally presented for first reading a bill calling for a state commission to promote equal opportunities for women and Labor MK Yael Dayan praised the prime minister for his efforts. The bill was passed unanimously by 14 MKs.

It is almost unheard of for a premier to personally present a bill to the Knesset, Netanyahu noted. He said the problem of sexual equality is not just a problem for

"When women do not get an opportunity to use their talents and do not work and when their children are educated in stigmas; when people are convinced that a person is inferior because of her gender, when there are men who believe a woman is their private property; and particularly when men believe they have the right to bil women or psychologically abuse them - I think that it is not just the women who lose out. think the whole society loses," he

Women in the Knesset in the

AT THE KNESSET

By LIAT COLLINS

different parties and organizations for years have aimed at establishiog such an authority and today we can praise its fruition," Dayan said. "Now, facing the Knesset comminees and legislators will be an executive body with teeth, which will be feminist, an auxiliary of the Prime Minister's Office."

Communications Limor Livnat said she believes the bill could revolutionize everything related to equal opportunities for women. She also ooted that the commission would be apolitical.

Knesset passes adoption bill

By a vote of 19 to 2, the Knesset last night passed second and third (final) readings of a bill which would allow families to adopt a child of a different religion as long as it does not harm the child's interests. The bill was submitted by MKs Yael Dayan (Labor) and Dedi Zucker (Meretz).

The bill was not opposed by religious MKs, and was even supported by Knessel Law Committee Chairman Shaul Yahalom (NRP) and MK Nissim Dahan (Shas). MKs Abdul Wahab Darawshe (Democratic Arab Parry) and Nawaf Massalha (Labor) voted

Yahalom explained that a non-Jewish child adopted abroad would be recognized as an Israeli. Dahan said he supported the bill because until now families often converted the child abroad according to non-Orthodox movements.

The bill should come into force on January 1, but will apply to children adopted in the previous

Kahalani takes flak for police violence

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (Third Way) and MK Michael Nudelman (Visrael Ba'aliyah) argued yester. day in the Knesset over the demonstration by new immigrants from the CIS against the police on

During a meeting of the Knesset Finance Committee on the police: budget, Kahalani told Nudelman: "You [plural form] want to hurt me. For two months I've felt that you're against me and you want to bring about my dismissal. At the demonstration [Monday] there were signs which read: 'Kahalani go home!' It's not acceptable that one party should settle scores with another party [this way]."

Nudelman said: "The police under must courageously deal with the His phenomenon of police violence and there should be decent treatment of immigrants. Who do you mean when you say 'you'? New immigrants are not part of the country as far as you're con-cerned. If police in Ashkelon claim they were hit by pensioners who are new immigrants, they should have no place in the police force. The police should show greater sensitivity to citizens."

Yishai: Establish hot line for drug problems

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai yesterday proposed establishing a toll-free telephone bol line, which would operate 24 bours a day to help youths in trouble because of drugs. Yishai met with the Knessel Anti-Drugs Committee chaired by MK Eli Ben-Menahem (Labor).

Batsheva Tsur contributed to

Shahal wants tougher law for incitement

By LIAT COLLINS

On the same day that two MKs one on the Left and one of the Right - received death threats, MK Moshe Shahal (Labor) submitted a bill which states that incitement is an offense and calls for a five-year sentence. Until now, incitement has not been defined in law and offenders were charged with instigating a rebel-

In presenting the bill yesterday, Shahal said that politicians had been too tolerant of the incitement which preceded the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the law was belpless because it only had the rebellion charges to act

His bill defines an incher as someone who publicly calls for a criminal act or act of violence.

He said that only the attorney general would be able to press incitement charges to avoid a situation in which almost any harsh words could be interpreted as incitement. He said he expects the bill to receive support from MKs from across the House.

Yesterday NRP whip Hanan Porat received a second death threat in two weeks signed "Peace on Earth." The letter came with a bullel attached.

MK Abdul Malik Dahamshe (Democratic Arab Party) received a: fax, possibly from overseas, written in Hebrew marking the anniversary of the death of Meir

"It's time for revenge. Now it's your turn," the fax read. It was signed "Jews for a solely Jewish State and Regime" and is the third such threat be has received in less than three weeks. .

The police are investigating.

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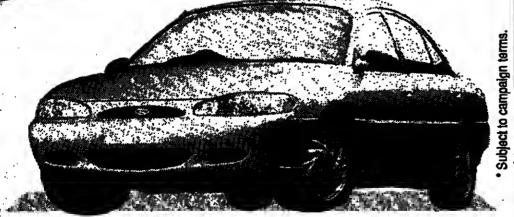
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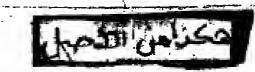
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Kupai Holim Clalii announced yesterday it would no longer be able to supply members with medications it was not required to by the

official basket of health services. As a result, those insured who need special drugs for AIDS, cancer and diabetes that are not in the basket would have to pay for them or do withous.

The Treasury responded by saying that "stopping the provision of drugs to sick people, instead of making the

fund's operation more efficient, is eynical and irresponsible."

This hrings to three the number of health funds that have cut hack on these vital drugs, leaving only Maccahi supplying them.

Clasit director-general Yitzhak Peterburg told the Health Consumers' Association, the Israel Cancer Association and the Israel AIDS Committee that these drugs would no longer be provided due to the fund's deficit.

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has written a letter to Finance

ing that the Treasury allocate an additional NIS 30 million for the AIDS "cocktail" that slows the development of the HTV virus, plus additional funds for 13 other vital drugs.

Neeman has adamantly refused, arguing the Health Ministry should increase efficiency and use the "saved money" to expand the list of medications supplied to members.

Peterburg said the government owes Clalit NIS 300 million and has eroded the value of per-capita payments from health taxes.

Kalansuwa girl diagnosed with rabies

By JUDY STEGEL

A seven-year-old Kalansuwa girl, is lying unconscious and in very serious condition in Schneider Children's Medical

Center for Israel in Petah Tikva. The girl, whose name was not disclosed at her parents' request, was apparently scratched on the forehead hy an unidentified ani-mal two months ago, but neither she nor her family reported the

The girl was brought to the hospital 10 days ago, after being initially examined at Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava. She suffered from fever, vomiting, and loss of con-sciousness, which are not characteristic symptoms of rabies, hut her saliva was tested just in case. On Monday night, the result proved positive.

According to infectious disease expert Prof. Shai Ashkenazi, the parents denied for days that she had any contact with animals. But after finally having to be connected to a respirator and losing consciousness, they recalled that in Octoher, they had noticed a scratch on her forehead that could have come from an animal.

Less than a year ago, a soldier died of rabies after having been hitten in his sleep by an unidentified animal, apparently a rahid rodent. Since rodents had not previously been known to spread rahies, he was not vaccimated. There had not been a previous

case of rahies in three decades.

The Health Ministry quickly went into acoon, vaccinating 29 staff members at Meir and Schneider Hospitals, as well as the girl's family. There is no cure for rabies, but if the victim is vaccinated in time, there are no ill

Dr. Alex Levinthal, head of the ministry's public health department, said that no country in the world spends so much on rabies vaccinations. Since the soldier's death, the number of reported animal bites and scratches has tripled and a third of the victims are vaccinated.

"We spend NIS 3 million a year on vaccine, and thousands of people suspected of having been hitten or scratched by mammals are given the shots," he said.

Hadassah launches 'Mered' road campaign

By SYBIL EHRLICH

Hadassah-Israel unveiled its plan, in coordination with Metuna, to fight road acci-

Called Mered, a Hehrew acronym for "enough murder on the roads" and also meaning "rebellion," the plan includes bumper stickers reminding drivers of their moral commitment to careful, caudous, and courteous driving. Drivers who have signed the commitment will display a yellow ribbon on their car's antenna.

The plan was announced at Hadassah-Israel's annual convention, at a session dealing with mass transit, rail transport, and safety on the roads.

MK Shmaryahu Beo-Tzur (National Religious Party), who helped form the Knesset caucus for mass transit, addressed the convention, pointing out the need for proper rail transport in this hometowar of Ra'anana, one of the most clogged areas of the country. He said that improved rail service would mean fewer cars,

fewer accidents, and greater safety on the roads, a decrease in air pollucon, an improvement in drivers' health - caused by a reduction in tension - and preservation of nat-ural resources by reducing noxious emissions.

Israel Railways director-general Amos Uzani pointed out that there is no disagreement on the need for improved railway infrastructure, but with the tiny hudget allocated hy the government it is impossible to develop the railways further. Reacting to the Mered proposal, Dr. Elihu Richter, head of the Betts Injury Prevention Program at Hehrew University-Hadassah Medical School, said mass media campaigns have been shown to be a waste of money, as they do oot prevent injuries. He said signs asking drivers to be careful and courteous are "like signs saying don't get the flu."

He added that the only effective method is to reduce speed limits, especially for trucks, which cause 150 deaths a year, and introduce speed cameras on roads and warning systems inside cars.

in brief

Fire destroys third of Negev cotton crop

About a third of the Negev cotton crop, or some five percent of the national crop, was destroyed yesterday in a fire in a warehouse in the Sderot industrial zone. The damage was estimated at some \$5 million. Two thousand tons of cotton were destroyed.

Arbel asked to expedite Shapirim bridge probe

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) yesterday asked State Attorney Edna Arbel 10 expedite the probe of the 1994 collapse of the Shapirim Bridge over the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Highway, which caused the deaths of three people. Cohen noted that although more than three-and-a-half years have passed, her office has yet to decide if anyone should be indicted. He stressed that Arbel's office had managed to decide to indict those responsible only four months after the the collapse of the pedestrian bridge at the Maccahiah Games, which resulted in the deaths of four Australians, and suggested that the fact that foreigners were involved had something to do with the speed of the decision. Jerusalem Post Staff

Lawyers petition to close down jail

The Central Committee of the Lawyers Bureau yesterday submitted a petition to the High Court of Justice calling for the jail in Jerusalem's Russian Compound to be closed. The petition — which names Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, Jerusalem Police chief Cmdr. Yair Yirzhaki and Dep.-Cmdr. Menahem Nidam, the jail's superintendent — said the jail was not fit for humans and harms the dignity of those imprisoned in it.

More pupils taking exams with special programs

The number of pupils taking matriculation exams in special programs designed to allow them to make up any missing tests before they begin their army service has increased by some 50 percent, the Education Ministry announced yesterday. Pupils ehoosing this program can defer their army service in coordination with army officials and may have their service shortened by two months. The program is available to pupils who successfully pass 14 units and are missing exams in between one and three subjects. It aims to ensure that pupils earn their matriculation certificates prior to entering the army, an Educacion Ministry

Hammer: Give pupils bonuses to study high-tech

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer has proposed granting special bonuses to high school pupils who choose to study hightech subjects in order to help find solutions for the lack of workers in such industries, an Education Ministry spokesman said. Hammer said that 2,400 workers are already oeeded and some 10,000 would be occided by the end of the decade. This lack of workers will cost high-tech firms some \$200 million this year, and double that next year, he said.

Immigrants from Chechnya: Jewish Agency used us

Immigrants from Chechnya yesterday complained before the Knesset Immigration Absorption Committee that they bad been "used" by Jewish Agency officials for fund-raising purposes and that they oow are

living in terrible conditions here.
"Jewish Agency representatives in Chechnya promised us the moon and here they stuck us in absorption centers in embarrassing conditions. Where's the money raised for us in the United States? Why do we have to live nuder such conditions?" asked Larisa Podrov, an immigrant from

Chechnya. MK Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya) said he had been told hy some donors to the United Jewish Appeal in the US that had they known the money they raised

vould only be used for mignis for the Chechnyans, and then they would live in bad conditions, they would not have donated money. An Absorption Ministry repre-

sentative said that a total of 507 immigrants had eome from Chechnya and had been recognized as war refugees and received rights beyond those normally given to new immigrants. She said that while ministry officials were aware of the difficulties these immigrants faced after arriving with practically nothing, me ministry was limited in what it could do to help.

Jewish Agency representative Shifra Shidlovitzky denied the immigrants' charges, saying, "Instead of praising the Jewish Agency emissaries who frequently risked their lives to bring these immigrants here, they make accusations against them.



Plant native flowers

graffin francis below traded. mercally talliar Remna Weizman, the president's wife, joins supporters of the Council for a Beautiful Israel in planting flowers indigenous to the country in the gardens at Beit Hanassi yesterday. The council is encouraging the public to plant native flowers as part of the jubilee celebrations. (hear Harm)

Education Ministry urged to remove stereotypes from books

By ARYEN DEAN COHEN

Textbooks that include stereotyped descriptions of Yemenites as "thin and little" or "looking like an Arab" and other similar pbe-nomena should be removed from the nadon's schools, the Knesset Education Committee declared yesterday.

The session was called following recent studies which showed stereotyped portrayals of various ethnic communities in school text-

The committee called on teachers, principals and parents to check the textbooks and act against any such stereotypes. It also condemned racism and called on local authorities to stamp out such phenomena, and asked the Educacion Ministry to widen programs designed to help ehildren get to know classmates from dif-ferent-backgrounds in an effort to reduce such stereotypes.

"In every society, especially in one in which there are many comand we must constantly fight them," committee chairman MK Emanuel Zissman said. "We must remember that the education sys-

munities, there are stereotypes, stereotypes, hnt reflects them as they exist in society. Textbooks have lately also helped eliminate stereotypes, but the fact is this remember that the education sys-tem does not necessarily create the hope that the Values Education

Unit established recently will make efforts toward hringing people together, understanding others and doing away with stereotypes." "We must remember that the things ehildren learn at a young

Poll: 30% of pupils label themselves racists

Thirty percent of high school pupils are prepared to admit they are "racists," and 45% of new immigrants world is against us. say that term applies to them, according to a study of high school pupils' attitudes on antisemitism and

The study, on "Attitudes on Antisemitism and Racism in Israeli High Schools," included 1,488 pupils in 25 schools. A total of 33% in religious schools and 28% in secular schools were willing to admit they are

The differences hetween secular and religious schools were very large regarding matters of racism, attitudes towards Arahs, even on antisemitism," said Nili Keren of the Kihbutz Teachers Seminar, who conducted the survey along with Yair Oron and Gila Zalikovitz of Hebrew University's Center for the Study of Antisemitism. "Those in the religious schools are much more paranoid and certain when it

The study itself was on antisemitism and racism, hut there were a few questions intended to sharpen their approach to these matters where we found the most serious things," she said. "We gave them 20 mcidents from the news and asked them to grade them on a scale of 1-5 as to whether the incident was racist or not. In one case, there were Turkish workers in Hamburg whose home was firebombed by neo-Nazis. This was naturally idenofied by many of them as a racist incident (87% of religious pupils, 72% of secular). But the burning of a hut housing Arab workers in Or Yehuda got a very low rating; it wasn't considered a racist act (70% of religious pupils, 78% of secular)."

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years," said MK Eitan Cabel [Labor], who demanded that negaove descriptions of Yemenites be removed from textbooks.

"To refrain from stereotyping, we must really learn about each other," said MK Alex Lubotsky [Third Way]. I admit that the first ome my son's Ethiopian friend came over to our house, it felt strange. But with ome it became natural, and today I don't think there is any problem hetween Ashkenazim and Sephardim, hut rather it's the political system that contributes to this."

Histadrut Teachers Union chairman Avraham Ben-Shabbat said "we all know these images of 'the little Yemenite,' and 'the thieving Romanian...' In its 50th year, the state of Israel would do well to say: 'I was wrong.' Along with the wonderful ingathering of the exiles, there was also an attempt to create one culture, while destroying others that are wonderful, and we must admit the truth."

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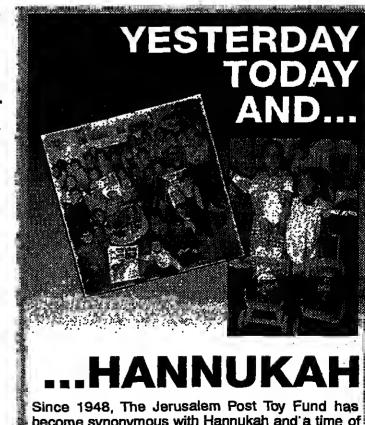
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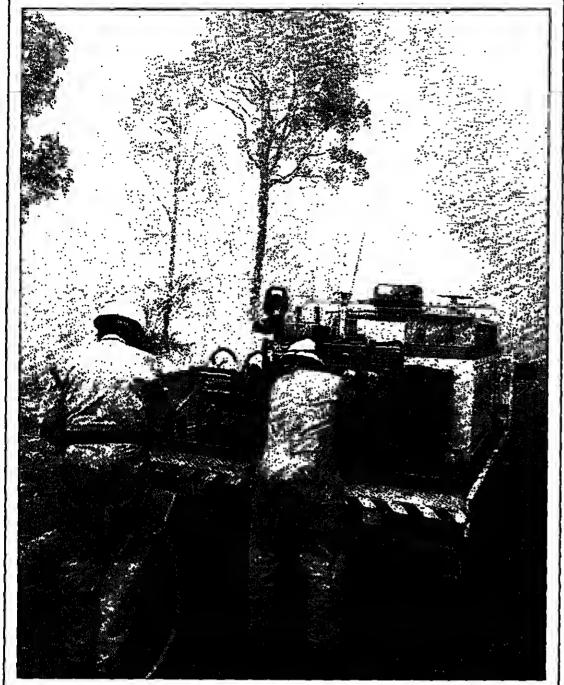
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Australia under fire

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The on-line vice president

By RAJIV CHANDRASEKARAN

Then President Clinton travels, a black suitcase containing the codes to launch nuclear weapons is always with him.

Al Gore's sidekick is a black IBM laptop computer.

Unlike Clinton's suitcase, Gore's ThinkPad 560, which can't launch missiles, is always in use. On Air Force Two. In the limo. In the backstage "holding room" before he gives a speech. Almost any time and place he's got a free minute and "secure" telephone connection, he's checking his electronic mail.

Gore is an E-mail addict, people on his staff say. Every day, he reads through more than a hundred messages and sends out almost as many, sometimes doing it from his residence late into the night.

He's just as psyched about the rest of the Internet. In a recent interview, with Tracy Chapman tunes thumping from the speakers attached to the screen of his office computer, the vice president demonstrated his technological prowess, taking a reporter on a tour of his favorite World Wide Web sites.

"I never use those," he quipped. After dropping in on an investment-related site and one devoted to technology news, Gore showed off several software applications he had downloaded from the global network and configured to work on his machine. One included a horizontal map of the world that sits in the corner of one's screen and shows where it's daytime and where it's dark.

"It's like the clocks they have at the CIA," Gore said proudly. "Except they use a thousand-dollar version that hangs on the wall. I got this one for something like

Gore has long had a reputation of being steeped in the stellar issues of technology policy. It was he who popularized the term "information superhighway." But



On-line addict Al Gore

over the last few years Gore has made technology a central part of not just his stump speeches but his own office. For the vice president's staff, clustered in the White House's West Wing and the adjoining Old Executive Office Building, E-mailing has become the primary method of communication-especially with

The result has been one of political Washington's most atypical workplaces. Junior staffers frequently message Gore directly with questions, cutting through layers of bureaucracy.

"He's the vice president," said Greg Simon, Gore's former chief

domestic policy adviser. "You just can't pop in and ask him a question." But you can with E-mail.

At the same time, Gore says he uses E-mail so he won't bother his subordinates

"I just find [E-mail] to be a much easier way to communicate because you don't have to worry about calling your staff on the telephone at a time when they're in the middle of doing something else or when the number is busy or when they're out eating lunch or ...they

really ought to be devoting their time to a higher priority matter than the one I want to get an answer to," Gore said in a recent interview. Yet if I call them they're going to think, "This is the top priority right

now, and it's really not."

It doesn't always work like that. Simon rigged up his Macintosh computer to sound a special chime whenever new mail from the vice president arrived. "I'd generally respond to it right away," Simon said. "Even if he wasn't on the other end of a phone line, I didn't want to keep him waiting."

WHILE HE exploits the courtesy of E-mail, Gore also understands its subversive nature. Meeting with advisers for a substantive face-to-face conversation generally requires blocking off time on his calendar days in advance.

With E-mail, he can communicate with anybody on the staff, even the most junior people" said Daniel Pink, Gore's former chief speech writer. "In many ways, he defies the generational divide in the White House."

Gore is known for having proper "Netiquette." He generally

responds to important messa within 24 hours, often sooner, according to aides. In addition to the 100 to 150 messages a day he receives in his private mailbox sent by White House staffers and close friends outside the compound - he said he gets about 400 a day at a public address. Those messages are read by aides, who sometimes forward particularly thought-provoking ones to him.

Recently, the vice president's Email has also aroused interest on Capitol Hill. Because a copy of every message that's sent and received is saved on a computer disk, White House lawyers have had to turn over some of those files to congressional investigators probing whether Gore broke campaign finance laws during the 1996 election.

But there are still some people Gore can't reach with e-mail. The most important one is his boss.

President Clinton "doesn't use E-mail very much now, but he plans to start," Gore said. "One of the driving forces that will push him to get on the computer on a regular basis is the fact that Chelsea is going to college in California. I've told him of the joys of communicating with your children off at college by way of E-mail." Does he ever goof off on the Internet in the office?

"Oh, it's almost always relevant," Gore said, laughing. "Dilbert would love some of the

excuses I put the Web to." Political analysts say Gore's computer savviness could be a mixed blessing if he runs for president in 2000. On the one hand, it risks perpetuating his stiff image; on the other, it could portray him as young and hip, they say. His understanding of computers also could generate important financial support from the technology industry, they add.

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120 countries to sign land mine pact today

Israel won't sign treaty, cites security situation

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Some of the higgest land mine users and producers will be conspicuous by their absence in Onowa when delegates from some 120 countries sign a ban on anti-personnel land mines

The US, China, and Russia are not signing the treaty in Ottawa. Neither is Israel.

A senior Foreign Ministry official said yesterday Israel cannot sign the treaty because of its political and security situatinn. On the other hand, he stressed that Israel's anti-personnel mines are placed in frootier zones only, and unt in populated areas, as in other parts of the world.

By the same taken, he said, Israel's use of land mines is strictly in adherence with interna-

tional agreements nn conventional weapons, meaning that minefields are labeled as sucb.

Nonetheless the three-day ceremony that started yesterday represents a huge triumph for the coalitinn that has been seeking a

There's a lot of celebration to this thing," said Canadian Fnreign Minister Llnyd Axworthy, as he welcomed Nobel Peace Prize winner Jody Williams to the conference venue late Monday.

Williams shared the prize with her organization, the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines.

The movement began in the early 1990s, and gathered momentum a year ago when Axworthy challenged other nations to meet in Ottawa this month to sign a treaty and draft plans for removing the millions

of mines threatening civilians anni-personnel mines. It also sets around the world.

The initial group, a dozen or so countries prodded by hundreds of non-governmental organizations. had grown to 89 nadons by the time a draft treaty was initialed in Norway in September.

After the Nobel Peace Prize was

awarded to Williams and her organization in October, more countries came on board. Conference organizers said 121 nations are now expected to sign

today and tomorrow. "Yeah, Canada," said Williams. who was sprayed with champagne as she arrived. "Not only did they issue the challenge, but they openly decided to work with non-gov-

nership." The treaty bars the stockpile, export, production, and use of

emmental organizations in part-

up timetables for de-mining. Experts estimated there are between 60 million and 120 million active land mines scattered around the globe. The International Red Cross estimates 800 people are killed and 1,200 maimed by mines every month.

De-mining is a slow and dangerous hands-on job that costs up to \$1,000 per mine. How to meet that cost will be discussed at a series of meetings this week on the sidelines of the signing ceremony.

Skeptics have noted that most countries which use land mines on a large scale aren't ready to sign the treaty. But the ban's proponents say their efforts have had an impact on some of these nations -Russia has agreed to halt exports of mines, and the US is expanding its de-mining operations.

Mine maker goes bankrupt

By DANIEL J. WAKIN

CASTENEDOLO, Italy (AP) - Drive dowo a heavily potholed road through the mists of the northern Italian flatlands, pass a dog training center, and you arrive at a place that once produced millions of land mines a year.

Now, computer screens sit dark in empty offices. Cobwehs and plastic sheeting cover assembly-line machines. A few workers toss threaded plastic rings, fuse holders, and orange tabs into boxes for eventual hand-over to the government required under a receot han on mines passed by parliament.

Despite several efforts to convert the assembly lines of Valsella Meccanotecnica SpA for civilian products, the company is in hankruptcy proceedings, in large part due to a 1994 Italian moratorium on the production of anti-

haven't been paid since July and a court-appointed administrator is handling its affairs. But they have one more chance.

A small Italian engineering venture, Electric Motive Power Group, is considering acquiring Valsella's plant to make cleetric buses. Local officials and Valsella's owners are waiting for

If it doesn't come, administrator Ferruccio Barbi said he will pull the plog. The anti-mine campaign had placed great

hopes that Valsella could successfully convert to civilian production in this prosperous town of 8,600 people in Italy's industrial beartland,

Now the workers wait to hear from EMP. One of the firm's partners, Paolo Fusari, said the chances are 50-50 the project will go fur-

Santioa Bianchini, Casteoedolo's deputy mayor and an anti-mine activist, is not confi-The company's 52 remaining workers dent. With Valsella's \$8.5 million deht, and oo

sign of subsidies from the government, she says the plan doesn't look feasible.

The arms industry made the fortunes of Castenedolo and its surroundings. Mine production boomed in the 1980s, with millions of the weapons making their way to Iran and Iraq in their 1980-88 war and to other coun-

Valsella's revenues shot up tenfold to around \$60 million a year. It gave work to about 200 people, including many in small businesses

supplying parts and services.
Valsella and other mine-makers turned Italy into one of the world's leading mine producers. That attracted the attention of human rights groups, which criticized Italy for lax enforcement of export laws. The government cracked down, limiting exports.

When Italy declared a moratorium on the production of anti-personnel mines in 1994, sales plummeted and debts mounted.



Praying for strength

Ben Strong (left), a student at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky, prays with his father, Rev. Bobby Strong (right), outside the school before entering yesterday. Ben is credited with stepping in and stopping a 14-year-old freshman boy who opened fire during Ben's prayer group meeting, killing three students and injuring five others on Monday.

Annan seeks bigger Iraqi oil-sales

By ROBERT H. REID

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the Security Council on Monday to consider raising the amount of oil revenue Iraq can spend for food and medicine, saying current levels have done little to ease the suffering of ordinary

But Annan backed off from recmineraling a specific increase in the amount of oil lead can export under the year-old oil-for-food program. UN officials said they urged backed off at the request of the US.

"I regret to report... the population of Iraq continues to face a serious nutritional and health situanion and there is an urgent need to cootain the risk of a further deterioration," Annan said in a report to the council.

He said the current food ration, "eveo if it is distributed completely and in a timely manner, cannot address the chronic malnutrition and energy deficiency" in adults as well as children.

"Giveo the scale of urgent humanitarian requirements in Iraq, the Security Council may wish to re-examine the adequacy of the revenues... and to consider the possibility of increasing those revenues to meet Iraq's priority humanitarian requirements,"

Annan wrote. Diplomats said the Security Council-would probably take up the report today. One diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it could take more than a month to decide wbether to increase the oil quota and if so by

The 15-member council must decide this week whether to renew the oil-for-food program, which expires tomorrow.

The Clinton administration has said it has no objections to studying ways to improve the program, under which Iraq can sell \$2.14 billion in oil every six months. Two-thirds of the revenue goes to huy food, medicine and other humanitarian goods.

· The rest pays reparations to Kuwaiti victims of the Gulf War and to finance UN weapons inspections in Iraq. One option could be to maintain current export levels but spend more for food and medicine.

In Baghdad, Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Said Sahhaf said the UNs was quick to transfer funds to war reparations and weapons monitoring but slow to approve purchases of humanitariañ goods.
Sahhaf told a news conference

broadcast by CNN that his government wants "some kind of simultaneity or parallelness" in the

The UN Children's Fund reported last week that about 960,000 Iraql children under age five suffer from malnutrition.

Annan's report said the problem also affects all other segments of tragi society.

For example, Annan said onequarter of Iraqi men and women under 26 are malnourished. He said the Security Council also should review the "nutritional

value" of the food provided to

Trophy hunters try breaking into Diana's island grave

LONDON (Reuters) - Trophy hunters obsessed with Princess Diana have tried to break into the grounds of her family's home in a bid to reach her island grave, the estate manager said yesterday.

David Horton-Fawkes told reporters that several people had been caught scaling the walls of

Althorp, in rural central England. There have been several attempts to get over the wall and get oo to the island... There are sick people out there who want to get the brass plates off the top of

the coffin," he said. Diana died in a car crash in Paris in August in the company of her companion Dodl Fayed. She was buried privately after a ceremonial funeral which capped an unprecedented week-long naconal outpouring of grief.

Horton-Fawkes said £250,000 had heen spent on security at Althorp since Diana was buried on a tiny island in the center of an ornamental lake.

Earl Charles Spencer, Diana's brother - who on Monday ended acrimonious and highly publicized divorce proceedings in South Africa - is to open the grounds to the pub-

About 3,000 people a day are expected to visit the stately home where Diana spent her childhood.

Spencer has drawn op plans for a two meter high iron fence decorated with heart motifs to be erected around the lake. It will prevent sightseers reaching the grave.

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South African state chief pathologist Patricia Klepp (right) explains the wounds she found oo slain teen activist Stomple Selpei at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearing in Johannesburg yesterday. Klepp, who conducted Seipei's postmortem exam, said he was stabhed in the neck three times but had not been slaughtered like a sheep, as claimed by Jerry Richardson, the former coach of the Mandela United Football Club.

Expats want Italy at Security Council

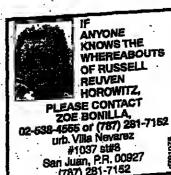
By ROBERT H. REID

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -Italian-American organizations called Monday for the US to support Italy for permanent membership on the Security Council.

But the sidewalk press conference, in front of the US Mission to the UN, was eclipsed by the unexpected arrival of an aide to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who is heading to Iraq as part of a world tour.

As television cameras turned on the Nation of Islam delegation, Congressman William Pascrell read a statement saying the 22 million Italian-Americans "are not going to hack off insisting that Italy be a permanent member of

the Security Council." The delegation, representing 36 Italian-American groups, was to present US Ambassador Bill



Richardson with a petition signed hy 50,000 people calling nn President Bill Clinton's administration to support an Italian seat.

The US has proposed reorganizing the 15-member council to add five new permanent members: Germany, Japan, and one each from Latin America, Asia, and Africa. The General Assembly is expected to debate the issue tomorrow.

But the Italian government strongly opposes any reorganization that leaves Italy without any chance for a permanent seat. The US proposal stands little

chance of winning approval this

year. For one thing, there are vast differences within different regions on which country should receive the new regional seat.

Also, many developing countries, which form the majority in 185-member General Assembly, want to prevent newcomers from having the veto power enjayed by the current permanent members: the US, Britain, France, Russia, and China.

Taking no chances, the Italian government has mounted a

Coordinating

strong campaign to block the US plan, which National Italian-Americao Association has denounced as an

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From Bismarck to Kohl

Column One

Tt is always nice to be bored by fiddles with their self interests German politics. "Germany's main opposition party, on the eve of its annual convention, says compromise is possible over changes to the nation's tax sys-

tem," the news agency informs us. Nice! That's the political turmoil story of the week. But there is also the student's

revolt, for those seeking more exciting news from Germany. (Not too exciting, of course - it's oot long ago since we had those stories of fun-loving neo-nasty soldiers, which made everyone shake heads and say yet again "they'll never change!") But it's almost 30

years since all the stu-Thomas O'Dwyer dents in the West were revolting, so we should expect at least an anniversary university uprising. Last week, all the universities in Germany shut down. It was a strike, rather than a

revolt. A goof-off, as parents who have been there and done

that will assume. What's wrong? Lecture rooms are overcrowded, Herr Professor is a tyrant, subjects are irrelevant to real life, and the government must go. All this is news-for a. student magazine? Sounds more like a normal situation in the Reutonic ivory towers. No wonder the great '97 student revolu-tion didn't make it to the international headlines. Alongside the Swiss Nazi-gold saga, it stoo far

Herr Frau

And yet, there is something unsettling about this barely noticeable straw in the wind. This is not the '60s, when even social science and history graduates in Europe could expect to pick and choose a career just because of the magic word "degree."

back to be even a non-starter.

This is the '90s, People in their forties and fifties are packed into night classes in a mad scramble to keep themselves employable, Career '97 may go down the drain because of an office rumor that the boss can't handle Windows 95.

But what if you are in your twenties, in a country like Germany with unemployment 12 percent and rising? Your educator is some disinterested feudal academic on a pedestal droniog on about the hermeneutics of postdeconstructionist criticism. In

German.
Down the road, some opposition politician is droning on about the possibilities of tax reform compromise. In German. All this adds up to your future. Yes, it's time to revolt --

Unfortunately the student strikewas so polite, lethargic and smothered in consensus that the day of reckoning remains posmoned.

Where Germany is concerned, it's better to have a day of reckoning too early, rather than too late. A oot-so-stuffy professor (and a rare Frau rather than a Herr) has been sounding alarm bells Germany shows little sign of hearing.

Constipated

She says the post-war German economic miracle has been hijacked by a smug clique who

while the country smolders in joblessness, fleeing capital, and political fossilization.

In a recent book, The Closed Society and Its Friends, the professor says: "Friends of this closed society can be found in all political parties, in the employers' associa-

tions, the trade unions, in many other of Germany's exceedingly groups, and in the management of a large number of German corpora-tions." But then, in Germany, who is going to take seriously an alleged German professor named Margarita

Mathiopoulos. There is indeed an edge of bitterness to Mathiopoulos's thesisshe was a protege of Willy Brandt and apparently was turned down for the job of Social Democrat Party spokeswoman because of her Greek name. But there is oo doubt she is German, since she diagnoses the state malady as constipation.

However, Mathiopoulos is a

respected academic in a male and chauvinist world, and also vice president of a bank, so her scorn for the way her country is run can in no way be blamed on frustrated persocal aspirations. And while she has also been dismissed as a Leftist railing against conservatism, she lambasts the national leaders as "products of a state socialism that has stretched from Bismarck to Kohl."

She does allege, in good liberal-Left style, that "social solidarity is being trampled under foot in Germany," but a large proportion of her controversial book lays into the trades unions and Social Democrats. They are "stuck in the 19th century."(Interestingly, her husband is a member, albeit a rebellious one, of Helmut Kohl's ruling party.)

Wrong direction

Nowhere is the stagnation of which Prof. Mathiopoulos writes and speaks more apparent - and swept under the carpet - than in the former East Germany. Compared with the old provinces (lander) in the west, the industrial structure in eastem Germany continues to come off badly," said a recent understated report front the Institute for Economic Research in Essen.

Seven years after reunification, the economic structure in the (east) is made up of industries with little growth prospects."

According to the prophets of

doom, instead of the west move ing east as unification envisaged. the east is moving west, i.e. those industries with little growth prospects" and the idle jobless. Come to think of it, those mildly protesting students may be seeking the wrong solution to their problems. Instead of reform, they should be asking for even longer irrelevant degree courses. Then at least they can stay wrapped up snug and warm in the cozy ivory tower for as long as possible. There's a harsh cold

wind blowing out there in the wastelands of the unemployed.

Don't ask, don't tell

Sixteen years into the epidemic, fear and ignorance continue to fuel the stigmatization of AIDS victims

By PATRICIA REANEY

LONDON - It took Joe more than a year before he told anyooe. His parents still don't know and be has no intention of telling

Liz kept her secret for just as long, and Florence didn't find out until her partner died.

Such is the stigma of being HIV positive and having AIDS. Sixteeo years into the epidemic. people still fied it difficult, if not impossible, to talk about.

Despite World AIDS Day, starstudded Hollywood fund-raisers and Princess Diana's offer of an ungloved hand to an AIDS victim, the disease that is ravaging large parts of the globe still makes an outcast of its sufferers. "The stigmas are still there.

Absolutely still there," said Joe, who was diagnosed a few years

Like many other HIV positive people, the 32-year-old Briton. who works in the travel industry prefers not to give his surname. Although most of his friends now know he is ill, his family doesn't. "I choose oot to tell them

because it's a burden, I have a choice whether or not to give that burden and they already have eoough oo their plate."

Joe is neither gay nor a drug user and proof, he says, that the disease was never so selective in its targets. He cites the latest figures estimating AIDS cases world-wide at 30 million, including children, and says it is time for attitudes to change. "We've got to look at the

world-wide perspective which is a rampant pandemic," he urges. "It never was a gay or drugs problem it was strictly people - a human problem.'

Liz, 24, is also straight and HIV positive. She was so blase about what she thought was a routine test that she didn't even bother to pick up the results. She was diagnosed on the day she started a new job but regards herself as lucky because as a welfare officer she had access to information and services to help her

People are so fearful. They stay at home. They don't tell anyone about their diagnosis. Fear is ignorance and that just makes the whole thing worse," she said.

FEAR OF other people's reactions are cited as the main reasons why people canoot talk openly about the disease, why so many people are ashamed and suffer in silence.

The world and the epidemic has changed a lot sioce 1981, but people's attitudes haven't. Horror stories and snide comments and jokes still abound.

One women told her mum after two years and her mom covered all the furniture in plastic,"

"A family told the school thinking it would make it easier for their HIV positive child and the child got beaten up that day because confidentiality was leaked. The family has moved house. This sort of thing goes on, on a big scale, she added.

Florence Ngobeni has experi-

enced more tragedy in her 24 years than most people in a lifetime. The South African native hails from a part of the world where cases of the disease have increased at an alarming 7.4 per-

AIDS killed her parmer and her five-month-old daughter and she is HIV positive. She did not even know her lover had had AIDS until she told his family her daughter was sick.
"When I told them the child

was HIV positive, that was the time they told me he had died of AIDS. I have a feeling that if I hadn't told them about the baby. they wouldn't have told me the truth."



Mike Perez, whose brother has AIDS, attends a community vigil for World AIDS Day in New Brunswick, NJ. UN agencies predict that 40 million people will be living with HIV by 2000. (AP)

Ngobeni, who counsels HIV at the information campaigns in ask bow they are coping with it. positive pregnant women in a hospital in Soweto, traveled to London for World AIDS Day to speak about her experiences. She said she thinks her partner tried to tell ber, but couldn't.

"A lot of people have a hard time telling their partners they are HTV positive because of lack of education, lack of confidence and fear," she said.

"The point is HIV and AIDS is not accepted as any other disease in South Africa. People still regard HTV as a gay disease and think that people who have HIV are prostitutes. They are regarded as dirty and untouchable."

Much of the blame for current attitudes towards AIDS is aimed

the 1980s, wheo the disease first appeared. Liz remembers seeing a large

British poster just a week after her diagnosis. It featured a huge oeedle and the words "AIDS KILLS. "That '80s fear is still linger-

ing," she said.
Joe describes it as "scare tac-

tics." "It wasn't an information campaign. It wasn't an educaoonal campaign. It was scare tactics and those are still firmly lodged in people's minds," he AIDS victims say it is time for

people, and particularly the media, to stop asking them bow they got the disease and instead.

"There isn't another disease where people would even think of asking that question and that's a symptom of the prejudice," said If the predictions of the UN

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the number of people living with HIV and AIDS will soar to 40 million by the year 2000. It will oot discriminate between sexuality, race, religion or age.

The main thing is to make people see that this is a reality

specialized agencies are correct,

and it can happeo, to anyone, said Ngobeni. "It's a world problem. It's time

we worked together. It's time we shared ideas and shared whatever we have."

Benetton puts AIDS in the fashion forefront. statistics that AIDS is on the condoms is vital to help toleral

BY JUDE WEBBER

ROME - Benetton : the Italian knitwear firm noted for its con- tudes. troversial advertising, launched a There is zero sex education.... Monday, saying it feared the fight against the deadly disease was no longer in fashion.

The campaign, splashed in color on the center pages of Italy's top selling newspapers, was one of a string of initiatives in Bary, where AIDS is a leading cause of death in men aged between 25 and 44, official fig-

While the Health Ministry also took fall page advertisements, gay activist group Acrigay used World AIDS Day to call on the government to scrap a discrimi-

natory" ban on homosexuals giving blood and donating organs and to do more to change atti-

World AIDS Day campaign on "Sixty percent of those infected. [with the AIDS virus] are under Grillim told Renters.

Benetton's campaign, shot by the photographer who in 1992 caused controversy with his pictures of an AIDS activist on his death bed, features incu and women from the waist to the knees wearing underwear addinged with the red ribbon of AIDS

awareness.
It seems that AIDS is nolonger in fashion," the photographer, Oliviero Toscani, told same age.
Reuters People think from the AIDS activists say the use of

decline. It isn't. It's just that medicines are extending life. We

Ministry statistics, up to 95,000 20," Acrigay president Franco Italians are infected with the HIV virus which causes AIDS, and 12,000 people are living with the full-blown disease.

While the rate of infection has slowed to 4,000-5,000 new cases per year compared with 10,000 in the mid-1980s, the ministry said in its latest statistics that up till 1994, AIDS was the leading cause of death in men aged 25-44 and the second-biggest killer, behind cancer, for women of the

the spread of the disease, but must not lower our guard. Catholic Italy have been thincult denuc to change. Catholic Italy have been thincult denuc. Catholic Italy have been thincult denuc. According to change. Catholic Italy have been thincult denuc. According to the change. According to the catholic Italy have been thincult denuc. According to the catholic Italy have been thincult denuc.

approved a television code of conduct that bans advertising of condoms as part of a drive to "clean up" children's viewing between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. after public outrage at a string of sex

scandals involving minors Changes to VAT approved by parliament this weekend also inked the tax on condoms, making them now the most expensive.

in Europe, Grillinf said.
Pope John Paul has said AIDS is spread by irresponsible sexual behavior—the Church opposes

south. Jeoin will be expanded

southward and to the east. Nablus

will expand northward, but these

"Our goal is not to connect, but

set up three large blocks," one

defense source said, adding that

preventing territorial continuity confounds Palestinian aspirations

for declaring a state. "Otherwise we

will lose control. We still want to

The plan calls for transfer from

Meanwhile, State Department

spokesman James Rubin rebuked

Israel and the Palestinian

areas C to B, B to A and a small

long trip to six African nations.

maintain overall security control."

two blocs will oot be joined.

Catholica for guaranteeing fee treatment for all HIV positive italians, but said prevention and information about the spread of the disease remained halv's wealth

point.
The Health Ministry took & stark full-page advertisement in the national press consisting of a single quotation. In a world with AIDS, everyone is responsible for what happens to children at the The ministry said that 623 of the 40.140 AIDS cases registered. since the first Italian case in 1982 homosexual sex, artificial contra- were children. (Reuters)

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Peretz said: "The strike is a spontaneous reaction to the measures which the government bas taken against the workers, and is intended to determine the rules of the game between the workers and the government."

The workers are demanding the government keep signed wage and pension agreements - which they say the Treasury is trying violate stop privatization plans which involve mass dismissals and prevent the violation of their rights.

"The finance minister has declared war oo the workers, and we bave no choice but to fight back," Peretz said, referring to Neeman's Monday reference to the workers as "exploding bombs."

A video clip of Neeman's statement about the bombs was broadcast on a giant screen again and again, to thousands of workers' roaring "Boo!"

Peretz charged Neeman with creating the crisis as part of his plan to delegitimize the workers in order to reduce their ability to insist on their rights in the negotiations. "It's no trifling matter to incite

against an eotire public in the midst of negotiations," he said. He dismissed the notion that Neeman's statement was a slip of the tongue, stating it was "a deliberate and carefully planned attempt to portray the workers as public enemies. Neeman wants to

present a situation in which the workers' demands are exaggerated, so they cannot ask for a pay raise in the negotiations." Neeman pledged that the gov-

emment will not give in to the "It is impossible to give in on this subject, because if we do give in we won't be able to return to [economic] growth," he said. But be also clarified reference to

the enemy within and "exploding bombs." In no way were his comments an attack on the workers whom he considers "a vital asset. I did not speak of the workers as bombs. If there was one worker that understood me like that, despite me not saying that, I must apologize before bim."

Neeman reiterated his assault on the Histadrut, accusing the organization of violating a court order, which restricted this week's industrial action in the municipalities to a 24-hour strike.

This hits at the very foundations of a developed society," he said, warning that the strike can only adversely affect the workers staging the action. The government is against anarchy, against illogical strikes."

Peretz rejected Neeman's apology, saying, "You can't call the workers terrorists and then say: 'Oops, I didn't mean it.' I don't know whether there is any basis for talks oow."

Peretz denied the existence of a court ruling preventing the Histadrut from striking until the court decision due this morning, stating the court ruling referred to different circumstances. He maintained the Histadrut's decision to strike as of last night would oot be io contempt of court.

Meretz last night issued a statemeet blaming Neeman's continoing disparagement of the Histadrut's demands for the strike. Haim Shapiro adds:

El Al last night contacted 1,500 passengers scheduled to leave today to inform them that their flights had been advanced to before 8 a.m. when the suike is to go into effect. David Harris and Batsheva Tsur

contributed to this report.

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But it also added other territory. The main interest of the security map was to determine how much land could be given to the Palestinians without harming security, that is to establish red lines to guide the government in its negodations, defense sources said.

According to the plan, Hebron will expand to the north, west and

ALBRIGHT

Continued from Page 1 Before yesterday's announcement, Netanyahu did not intend to invite the press corps to accompany him to Bonn, but now the

media ban may be canceled. Albright originally was scheduled to leave Monday for a week-

SHARON

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The underlying idea, in his opin-ion, is for Israel to cede as little

territory as possible in this phase

of the redeployment process while

being prepared "to give up that

His premise is that it is impossi-

ble to foresee the pressures to

which Israel will be subjected in

On the issue of Palestinian state-

hood. Sharon denies that his view

differs from Netanyahu's, saying.

The government opposes state-

But as a realist, Sharon says it is

impossible to ignore the facts on

the ground or bury one's head in

much more in the next phase."

the future.

hood and so do I."

Authority, saying that their recent public pronouncements are not consistent with the Oslo process and complicate the efforts to advance the peace process.

Asked the US view of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's recent declaration that he may declare a

"The Oslo Accords mean

Palestinian statehood," he says.

"Now it is up to us to reduce the

damage and danger as much as

He cites the fact that the PA has diplomade missions in 100 countries.

"Its passports are accepted worldwide, including in the US," Sharon notes. "It has an army, not a police force. It has courts, prisons and all the other governmental institutions, including an officers training school. It has a flag, a national anthem, a passport and

He predicts that Arafat's request for a higher status of UN membership will be granted, and when he asks for UN recognition as a sovereign state he will get that too. Sharon lists three conditions for

territory."

The IDF insists on keeping control over the Jordan Valley, the Green Line and greater Jerusalem. The IDF also is insisting that main arteries stay under Israeli bands. Mordechai also viewed various

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According to the IDF map, some

settlements could find themselves

surrounded by Palestinian-con-

trolled zones.

options of a "national interest" map which takes into account settlement and political needs.

state in May 1999, and Netanyahu's counterthreat: 10 annex some of the territories, Rubin said: "The short answer is that none of this rhetoric is very helpful to the peace process.

We believe that issues reserved for permanent status, such as the question of sovereignty and borders, need to be addressed in the permanent-status negotiațions,

which we are trying very hard to a viable peace process: Israel's red lines must be understood, while Israel must understand the Palestinians' needs, American support for and comprehension, of

Israel's security requirements; and the Arabs must believe that whatever Israel agrees to do will be done, unlike "today, [where] they do not believe it, nor do the Americans." Sharon strongly advocates "a

humanitarian approach" to the Palestinians, one which would do away with roadblocks, "which are useless after their first day," assure maximum employment to the Palestinians with minimal security-motivated hassle and immediate provisioo of "safe passage", simply by putting a jeep at the head and at the rear of every convoy of Palestinian vehicles.



Inbal arts center cultivates ethnic diversity

By HELEN KAYE

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ast March, Haim Shiran resuscitated the moribund Inbal Dance Theater and reinvented it as the multidiscipli-nary Ethnic Arts Center, Inhal. Few people thought he would succeed, but with Inbal as its axis, EACI has flourished.

"We have gone from eight to about 16 projects per month," said Shiran last week at the press con-ference introducing EACI's winter season. "That doesn't include specials, like last summer's ethnic music project and the communities project which celebrates the culture of Jewish communities from countries such as Libya or Persia. Right now we're working on Turkey for next June."

EACI also had a varied program of dance, music, theater and literamre which drew, and continues to draw, from Israel's rich multicultural, multiethnie mix of citizens. The center, says Shiran happily, "is going as I envisaged it would, and I'm also realizing my dream of helping all kinds of small groups, Jewish and Arah, which wouldn't otherwise get exposure."

The winter season is a continuation of the format. There are performances by established groups such as Shlomo Bar and his wonderful Habreira Hativit ensemble (December), singer Amal Morkos with songs from her new album (January), flamenco dancer Neta Shizaf and her company (December), and the Arab Theater in Israel with Anton Shammas's beautifully acted Wash Your Face

But there are also groups who are new or regional, such as Shfaram's El-Baat singers of Arabie musical literature (January), Kurdish music with Hana Ilya and Jihlin (January), the wonderfully inventive Evc's Daughters klezmer quartet (December), classical Indian

dance with Osnat Elkahir, who has just come home after 10 years of study in India (January), the Eskesta Ethiopian Dance Theater Workshop from Haifa (January), and performances of plays by Kedem, the professional community-oriented theater company led hy playwright/director Rafael

Naturally, Inbal Dance continues to document, recreate and present the great dances by Inbal Dance theater founder Sara Levi-Tanai, as well as new works influenced hy her such as Sejero by artistic director Ilana Cohen.

And "we are working on our own project," says Shiran, whose aim is that EACI should ultimately produce its own programs rather than import them. The project is Where Is Sa'adio?, a drama centered around the kidnapping of Yemenite children, written and directed by Aharon, which premieres in February.

After a prize-studded career as an actor in his native France, Shiran immigrated in 1965 and was one of the founders of ETV here, where he worked as a direcject is Where Is Sa'adio?, a drama

here, where he worked as a director until he took over EACI last year. He also found time for advanced studies in New York, where he organized a Sephardi Film Festival in 1989, '92 and '94.

He's a smiling, energene, multifaceted man who obviously revels in what he's doing at EACI, finding an unending treasure trove in our multicultural heritage. His policies are always inclusive, and right now he has a subscription

drive going among Jaffa's Arab residents to bring them to EACI.

The EACI budget is NIS 3.8 million, of which NIS 2.5 m. comes from the Arts and Culture Authority, NIS 300,000 from the Tel Aviv Municipality and the rest is carned income. "We have gone from zero to 25% earned income in one year," says Shiran tri-



Klezmer quartet Eve's Daughters is only one of the many acts which will perform under the aegis of Ethnic Arts Center, Inbai in the coming months.

Verdi's love of the bard

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Throughout his long and fruitful career, Giuseppe . Verdi was infamated with Shakespeare: Verdi wanted to compose King Lear, a life-long dream he did not fulfill. However, after a rather long operatic hiatus following the premiere of Aida in 1871, Verdi returned to opera 16 years later, writing two Shakespeare operas. His final work, Falstaff, uses as its source and inspiration the character of Sir John Falstaff as he appears in both The Merry Wives of Windsor and Henry IV. But before Falstaff, he wrote Otello which, for many, is his most powerful, evocative and dramatic work.

One reason for Otello's success is the collaboration between Verdi and composer Arrigo Boito, who wrote the libretto. Boito condensed the tragedy about the Moor from Venice into a tauter, simpler

Verdi and Boito achieved a new kind of music drama, an opera without the customary "numbers" (arias, duets, trios) which allow for audience applause. Otello is sung through, with literally no place to appland. The music drama has become larger than the convention, and this new music drama has become the convention itself.

Otello is one of the most demanding operas in the repertoire. Verdi pampered his singers with some of his greatest music: Otello's entrance, Iago's credo of evil, the willow song, the Ave Maria Desdemona sings on her deathbed, and her purified and refined love duet with Otello at the conclusion of Act L

In the opera Desdemona is much more pure in appearance and character than in the play. And Verdi's lago is even more diabolical than Shakespeare's. As for Otello himself, Verdi created one of the most powerful roles ever seen on the opera stage - a passionate, gentle lover turned into a monster ruled

by imcontrollable jealousy.

The IPO presented Verdi's Otello more than two decades ago in a staged production conducted by Zubin Mehta, with extraordinary German baritone Siegmund Niemsgem as Iago.

Now the IPO returns to Verdi's ultimate human tragedy in a series of concert performances led by Antonio Pappano, who has already led the IT in exciting concert versions of Tosca and Rigoletto.

The concert performances of Otello begin in Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium tomorrow night, with five more performances in Haifa and Tel Aviv through December

The sisters who won't quit

By HELEN KAYE

the Gesher Theater's upcoming production of Chekhov's The Three Sisters is a first for director Yevgeny Arye. h's the first time, to quote him, that he's dared to direct a Chekhov play and he chose The Three Sisters because it's a millennial play, staged when Russian society was on the evc of cataclysmic change, when "people had ideologies that seem paive to us today, and here too you can find the same sort of idealistic people."

Chekhov's play, written in 1900, tells the story of the Prozorov sisters and their brother Andrei (Israel Demidov). They live in a small provincial town where their father, who has been dead a year, was the commanding officer of the local garrison. They dream of returning to Moscow, but nearly four years go hy and they don't leave. They never will, either, hut they'll go on just the same, hoping. Starting as an all-Russian the

ater in 1991, Gesher has been steadily integrating Israeli-born actors into what has been described as one of the six best theater companies in the world. So in this Three Sisters they include Dorit Lev-Ari (in her third season with the company), who plays Natasha, Andrei's vulgar and insensitive wife; Avshalom Pollak as Baron Tusenbach, who loves Irina; and



Gesher's 'Three Sisters': (from left) Efi Ben-Zur (Irina), Natalya Woitlevich-Manor (Olga) and Yevgenia Dodina (Masha)

Amnon Wolf as Solonyi, the isn't a realistic play, it's a thorman who kills him in a duel. "In a Chekhov play there's tragedy, comedy and even

oughly modern play."

The Three Sisters opens at the farce," says Arye. "That's what Gesher Theater in Joffa on we're trying to achieve. This Saturday.

Bernstein's mystical journey

CLASSIC DISCS

s the Leonard Bernstein Aprize will be awarded this evening in Jerusalem, it is timely to remember Bernstein through several of his great recordings.

A most perfect, touching and complete recording of the Mozart Requiem is that of Leonard Bernstein conducting the choir and symphony orchestra of the Bavarian Broadcasting Authority (Deutsche Grammophon 427 353-2). In 1989 Bernstein conducted Mozart's final and incomplete opus with the Munich forces and a quartet of four young first-rate singers: Maric McLaughlin, Maria Ewing, Jerry Hadley and Cornelius Hauptman - another testimony to the maestro's sincere belief in the importance of young

musicians. I cherish the Mozart Requiem because it combines, in one hour, the entire gamut of human emotions from pain to elation, reverence to fear. Many conductors have interpreted the music in a variety of ways. Bernstein does not come to

a great musician and a gentle, simple human being, and he just immerses himself in the music. He does not conduct the orchestra and choir, he takes them with him on a mystical journey to a higher plateau, a plateau which transcends description. You feel as if you were at one with the music from heginning to end, as if the composer has

with his magical touch. This is not the place to go into minute details about the excellence of this performance. Suffice it to say that each of the movements works as a mini-masterpiece and that the overall performance simply seizes you and never lets go. It is not often that one sheds tears listeoing to a recording. When I heard this disc, I knew I could die and go directly to heaven. Because this is the ultimate human experience.

blessed the performers from above

ANOTHER great Bernstein album is Bernstein Conducts Stravinsky (Deutsche Grammophon 445 538-2). This is a two-for the price of one disc alhum in which Bernstein conducts the IPO in six Stravinsky compositions recorded between 1983-85 in memorable live concerts at the Mann Auditorium. this performance with any interpre- Stravinsky was always close to

tation. Rather, he comes as himself, Bernstein, and one can easily trace his influences in Bernstein's own music. The halfet music in West Side Story, for example, has its roots in various Stravinsky ballets.

In these concerts, I vividly recall how the maestro literally danced through The Firebird Suite, which he loved so dearly. On disc, what is captured is the dramatic aspect of these ballets, together with the composer's genius orchestration. The Firebird is still as magical as I remember. Le sacre du printemps (The Rite of Spring) is powerful and evocative as it should be, the Scenes de ballet and the Symphony in three movements are impressive as well, but the real highlight for me is Petrouchka, in which the drama and story of the ballet really come to life through Bernstein's impassioned conducting.

Bemstein's association with the IPO has been a long and fruitful one and included many performances and recordings of his own symphonies as well. Here the orchestra is in its best form, delving deep into the music, with the maestro leading them with true spirit, style and panache. It is a very good performance of first-rate ballet music which is just as impressive in symphonic form. And with two discs for the price of one, this truly is a valuable acquisition.

Whatever happened to the Osmonds?

By JOHN ROGERS

hen - firmmy Osmond came to the town of Branson, Missouri a half-dozen years ago, he arrived as a real estate developer, not a performer. Then he saw a little theater in the Ozarks for sale.

"I called up my brothers," he says in a voice ringing with the kind of good-natured enthusiasm that seems to be an Osmond family trait. "And I said, 'Hey guys, let's dust off the cobwebs, and instead of doing conventions all the time, let's do two shows a day, six days a week, in a little theater in Branson'." Six years later, 2 million people have found their way to that little theater, and the Osmond Brothers are about to enter their 40th year in show business.

As he reflected on the turns his career has taken in a recent phone interview, the performer, who at age 3 used to captivate audiences by bolting on stage to join his older siblings in song, laughed often as he recalled the family's strange road to Branson.

"I have a company I bought from my dad years ago, Osmoud Real Estate Development," he said. "When I came out here, I found that developing was my kind of thing, and I ended up finding this theater involved in bankruptcy." His brothers, who were tiring of the road, had cut back on performing, and he persuaded them to give Branson a try. It was 12 shows a week, but they could stay in one place.

"I had no idea what I was doing," be admits now. "We opened up our doors in 30 days, and we didn't have one ticket sold. We didn't know what to expect. Then, that night, 800 people walked up to the box office." Earlier this year, the two-millionth customer arrived, and Osmond, the youngest of nine siblings, seven of whom perform, figures he's found a permanent stage in Branson.

"Once in a while you do get burned out," he says of the season that runs from March through

It's hard to picture Osmond as the burnout type. He punctuates his sentences with words like "neat" and "fun," and in one case "yuck" when acknowledging he's 34 years old now. When not on stage he runs the Osmond Family Theater ("We've gotten down and scrubbed the toilets and done everything you can think of in that theater"). He runs his real estate husiness. And he has promoted concerts for Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston.

More recently, he's been working with his family on a 40th anniversary documentary.

It is to hit television next fall and take the Osmonds from the days when Jay, Merrill, Wayne and Alan were singing barbershop harmonies at Disneyland up to the

He's also husy putting together a



Donny (left) and Alan Osmond enjoyed their heyday in the '70s. Here they wave to fans at London's Heathrow airport in 1973. (File photo/United Press International)

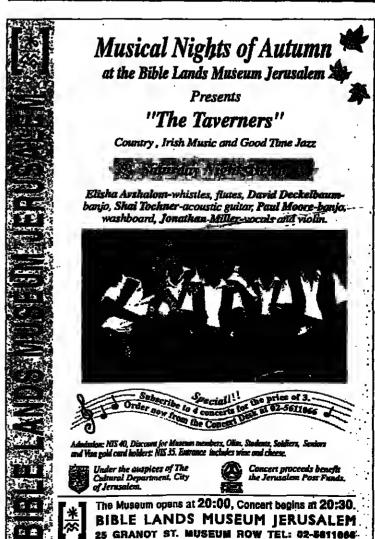
new version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Music of the Night" that will open at the Osmond Family Theater in March and run twice a day through December.

"It's almost like an Andrew Lloyd Wehber sampler show," he says. "It will have a little bit of Phantom of the Opera, Cots, Evita, Starlight Express and other great productions."

Donny, he says proudly, set boxoffice records when he starred in Lloyd Webher's Joseph and the

Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat for five years.

"Our careers have just been so erazy. We've done so many different things," Jimmy Osmond says. We've had rock 'n' roll hits; we've done country, pop, even some barbershop singing. And now we're going into this. And having it be after 40 years, well it's kind of neat to reinvent yourself again and do something total-ly different that allows yourself to stretch. It's kind of fun."



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A generous redeployment

The cabinet's next-peace-step decision on Sunday bas been widely dismissed as meaningless or worse, a view fed by the fact that it passed unanimously, with the support of the cabinet's right-wing. Evidently, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu succeeded in constructing the perfect Rorschaeb test, in which the moderates and right-wingers were able to see what they wanted.

But when ministers of widely opposing views vote for the same amorphous decision, it begs the question who is fooling whom? If anything, this vote for the second redeployment in principle could give the right-wing cover to vote against any specific proposal in practice. After all, it is always possible to say that this or that provision has not been fully complied with by the other side, and to back out of the agreement,

There is however, more significance to the decision than meets the eye.

First of all, it signed on the entire cabinet to the principle of carrying out a further redeployment if the Palestinians fulfill their obligations under the Oslo Accords. Though such a stance might be taken for granted at this point, it is the first time that some of the ministers have roped themselves into the Oslo framework in such a direct way,

Second, the principle of reciprocity, which seemed to have quietly died after starring so prominently in the Hebron Accord, has now been revived and placed center stage. This was the basic glue behiod the unanimous vote: Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky and right-wingers such as Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and Communications Minister Limor Livnat can agree that Israel must not unilaterally abide hy Oslo, and that now is the time to insist on reciprocity.

Third, by deciding to "take the necessary steps to continue the existence and strengthening of settlements in Judea and Samaria," the cabinet has all but nixed the deal that has been in the works for some time, oamely canceling the second redeployment in exchange for a "time out" in settlement expansion. The fact that the government is moving ahead with the second redeployment is evidence that an attempt at that deal has been abandooed for oow, though perhaps it could be revived in the context of the third redeploymeor.

Fourth, the government finally acceded to the principle, long advocated by Sharansky, that Israel must not withdraw from more territory without first deciding on its strategy toward a final-status agreement. Even more importantly, the cabinet deputized a small committee to draw up such a master "map of interests" with just the critical mass to push it through the rest of the cabinet: Netanyahu, Foreign Minister David Levy, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon.

This sales team, whose first pitch is today, will bave its work cut out for it in persuading the government to agree to any further territorial withdrawals. So far, the Palestinians have given

The Palestinians have almost completely ignored the short list of their commitments under the Hebron Accord, each of which were simply reiterations of unfulfilled commitments

a tactic for Israel to avoid fulfilling its obligations under Oslo, but neither should Israel move ahead while commitments signed by the Palestinians and guaranteed by the United States are ignored as if they never existed.

By conditioning the redeployment oo reciprocity, the cabinet decision attempted to throw the ball into the Palestinians' court. For this to work, however, the government must decide on a larger, "higher quality" than expected second redeployment. It is fine to demand that the Palestinians live up to their unfulfilled commitments, but unrealistic to expect them to do so if Israel does not fulfill its obligations unambigu-

Rather than undermining Israel's position in final-status talks, as is feared by the Right, a "generous" redeployment could take pressure off Israel, give weight to its call to begin those talks immediately, and start it off oo a strooger footing when they begin.

Since the election of the Netanyahu governboth sides. ___

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Diplomatic code words

s if to prove once again that politics, not business, is still the main protagonist at the annual Middle East economic conferences, the conference in Doba ended on a low note, with a politically slanted communique calling for "land for peace." That the Europeans, given their record, supported the above phrasing dido't surprise anyone - but that the US, for the first time, did-

n't oppose it, was more unsettling. Though the American action may, perhaps, be seen as part of the effort to garner Arab support against Iraq (an effort which failed, by the way) - it could, unfortunately, also have a detrimental impact on the prospects of Arab-Israel peace. Experience shows that whenever there was a perception of American pressure on Israel, Arab attitudes in the peace process became more intransigent. This is what bappened, for instance, a few years ago when the fierce controversy Washington and Jerusalem over the loan guarantees led to a hardening of the Arabs' stance in the budding peace process.

In diplomacy and politics there often exist code words which, though they don't say so literally, are usually understood to have a specific meaning. Thus, "land for peace" doesn't connote "territorial compromise" as some may assume, but all the land for all the peace (eliciting from the late. Moshe Dayan the sardonic commeot: "I know what is meant by a bir of land - I don't know what

they mean by a bit of peace"). It is rather a mystery where and when the distorted equation of land for peace" was actually born. It was certainly never part of the 1978 Camp Dsvid accords which had started the peace process, nor did it officially figure in the 1991 Madrid peace conference. In his speech to the conference, former president Bush spoke about "territorial compromise," never using the "land for peace" phrasing. Nor did the "letter of assurances" which, the US peace team headed by Dennis Ross had worked out with Israel prior to the conference include any mention of it.

True, in a speech made after the Gulf War, Bush did mention "the principle of territory for peace" (as did James Baker in a letter to the Palestinians in October, 1991) - but this was clearly coupled with UN Security Council Resolution 242 - which had always been interpreted by the US as not requiring from Israel total withdrawals - certainly not such which contravened another central pillar of 242 - namely security! President Johnson bad specifically stated at the time: "It is clear...that a return to the situation of June 4, 1967 (i.e. the eve of the Arab

ZALMAN SHOVAL

attack on Israel) will not bring peace. There must be secure and there must be recognized borders," and Arthur Goldberg, a former US ambassador to the UN later even told president Carter that Resolution 242 was "incompatible" with Israel returning to her former frontiers.

The Arabs, supported only by the Soviet bloc and France, of course, never did accept the majority interpretation of Resolution 242, preferring to see

Mistakes, which have put a temporary damper on things, have been made on both sides and Israel and the US should now make a new effort. to rectify them

it as an injunction to Israel to . at least not yet... return all the way to its previous . vulnerable borders, Realizing, however, that this was oot what the resolution said, they preferred to: talk about d'land foodpeace :: implying that total peace meants; total withdrawals - apposition ration in the bilateral relationship which their diplomats have repeated ad nauseum ever since.

ALTHOUGH morality doesn't often play a pivotal role in politics or diplomacy, one could also reflect upon the morali slogan "land for peace." After all, .. Israel didn't acquire the territories in question - the Golan, the "West Bank" and Gaza (and, of course, Sioai) in an aggressive war against her neighbors; it was Israel which was the victim of aggression - luckily turning the tables on the aggressors and taking hold of the areas from which the attacks were launched (for some reason, the rule applied to Iraq in the Gulf War, i.e. that it shouldn't he rewarded for its aggression against Kuwait - was never applied when the victim of aggression was Israel).

This historical reminder may be considered irrelevant or at least reduodant, now that the parties are engaged in a peace process - tottering as it is - but only a very irresponsible Israeli government would agree to return to the strategically untenable situation which had made aggression possible in the first place - and could do so again in the future.

President Reagan'a comment that before the Six Day War "Israel was all of eight miles

wide" and that "it should never be forced to go back to that simution" has not lost its validity in the unfortunately still very volatile old Middle East. It is interesting that, of all people, former prime minister Shimon Peres seems to have recognized this - when be indicated that the Doha communique mentioning "land for peace" was unwise, and that he didn't think this formula to be feasible. Land is tangible," he said neace is a promise."

Former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has stated that America should now adopt a new policy, rather than repeating worn out slogans which have clearly been rejected by a majority of Israelis. Indeed, after last year's Israeli elections it had seemed that the Clinton administration and the new Israeli government would attempt to reach understandings with regards to the continuation of the peace process and the future permanent status between Israel and the Palestinians, taking into account the new-realities created by the disappointments of Oslo on the one hand, and the ideas of the Netanyahu government on the other hand. This hasn't happened,

Mistakes; which have put a temporary damper on things, have been made on both sides and Israel and the US should now make a new effort to rectify them. Not only must a further deteriobe averted, but in retrospect, the perception of US pressure on Israel has not helped further the peace process either. The Palestinians, in their customary fashion, just saw in that a license for continued intran-

What should be more worrying, from both Israel and America's point of view, is the lack of adequate communication between the two governments, including what has been described as insufficient mutual trust, makes it almost impossible to scriously consider getting down to the permanent

status talks.

The hopefully sooo to be atmounced Clinton-Netanyahn meeting should thus give both leaders an opportunity to reestablish the necessary rapport between themselves - and enable Israel's prime minister to put on the table Israel's ideas for a future settlement, it may not be reckoning day yet for the peace process; but there are certain, very definite red lines - security related and otherwise où which Israel will have to insist. The sooner those two sometimes uneasy allies - America and Israel - clarify to themselves where agreement exists and where not, the better it will be for both.

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table

AARON LÉRNER

t has been said that Israelis fear being a freier (patsy) more than dying. And the Netanyahu cabinet is no different. So after being repeatedly suck-ered by the prime minister, the ministers were determined to leave nothing to thance when they met this week to hammer out a decision on a further redeployment. As a result, the cabinet announcement which resulted is probably the best-written document to come out of this adminis-

There are several key features of the cabinet's decision worth special attention: The principle of reciprocity principle is restored, including the amendment of the Palestinian Charter and transfer of terrorists, and criteria for Israel's position regarding the final settlement now also includes settlements, water and explicitly, Jewish historical sites.

But are we out of the woods? Far from it.
First there is the question as to

what further redeployment map Netanyahn's committee will come up with. Will it reflect the reality that the Palestinians can't be relied upon to honor security arrangements?

A good test is in Hebron. If the Palestinians were Canadians, it would be reasonable to rely on them to allow Jews to continue praying io the Cave of the Patriarchs. But they aren't And the Palestinians make no bones about it. For as Palestinian Authority Minister of Waqf and Religious Affairs, Hassan Tahboob, told me, the Cave of the Patriarchs is also the Ibrahim Mosque. And Jews cannot pray in mosques. In fact, they can't pray next to one.

Take the example of the Western Wall in Jerusalem. The Palestinians consider it part of Al Aksa Mosque and thus maintain that, under their rule, Jewisb prayer will be prohibited within two meters of the Wall.

Reality also affects arrangements for territorial contiguity on the West Bank. If the Palestinians were Canadians it would not mat-

But the Palestinians have made it clear, time and again, that they don't consider the "final arrangerather the best that they can geroh under the current circumstances: ilos

If these circumstances were to change, if the balance of power tilted in the favor against Israel, all bers are off.

ONCE the government presents its map, the politica change dramatically. Labor leaders, with their eyes on the future election, will be hard pressed to advocate offering the Palestinians more. And while it's easy to talk about percentages for further redeployment; once a map is out, Labor's Ehud Barak will hesitate to get caught on specifics.

There is, of course, a great danger in detailing the further redeployment and making public a final settlement map. A weak negotiator can easily turn what should be Israel's final offer into nothing more than an opening

As for linking the redeployment to Palestinian compliance, there are certainly grounds for concern. Since his election, Netanyahu has continuously waffled on the demand for Palestinian reciprocity. Iromcally, Netanyahu may have an easier time defending his position in America than at home. For while the Chnton administration has never taken reciprocity seriously and is blind to even the gravest of Palestinian violations. the US Coogress and Israel's American supporters have advocated this no-nonsense approach

all along.
On the home front, Netanyaho will face tremendous pressure to

bend on reciprocity.

The "loyal" opposition's argument for ignoring reality is as simple as it is dangerous: As Barak put it recently, if the Palestinians don't get what they want they will go to war-

Barak, of course, doesn't explain why the same logic doesn't apply to Jerusalem or Jaffa. Netanyahir's supporters know why this argument makes no sense. In fact, with the exception of the radical Left, the Israeli pub-

lic can be made to appreciate the insanity of this approach. Is Netanyahn up to the challenge? Only time will tell. And it pains me to admit that I have yet to find someone - inside the goyenment or out - who is confident the premier will stand up to the pressure. By putting out a map and jumping to final status talks Netanyahu puts more on the table

than at any time in the modern state's history. If Binyamin Netanyahu falters, not only will his cabinet and constituents be friers - Israel will have frittered away its best

The writer directs IMRA (Independent Media Review &

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the right-wing ample reason oot to be satisfied.

under Oslo itself. The concept of reciprocity must oot be used as

ously in return.

ment, both Israel and the Palestinians have not entered into a cycle of entrenchment born large. ly of mistrust. An Israeli offer of a more generous than expected redeployment, with reasonable conditions, could go a long way in restarting the process in a way that is in the interest of

EVANGELICAL SUPPORT

Evangelical Christians are oow

among the leading donors to the

United Jewish Appeal ("Evangebral

Christians supply major source of UJA donations" - November 13).

That news comes as no surprise to

those of us who have been working

together with Evangelical Christians

in pro-Israel information campaigns

deep, heartfelt, and abiding; their

commitment to helping the Jewish

state does not waver even if they dis-

agree with a particular policy of a

particular Israeli government.

Contrast that with the behavior of

many American Jewish liberals,

whose support for Israel seems to be

conditional on whether or not the

government's policies suit their nar-

row religious or political preferences.

allowing their policies to be shaped,

liberals may indeed howl in protest

if Israel defends itself, or stands up

for its rights, Israel's leaders need to

remember that they will continue to

have the full backing of the much

more numerous, and influential,

Some Israeb leaders seem to be

Their passion for the Jewish state is

on Capital Hill and elsewhere.

Sir, - You recently reported that

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ONE SATISFIED CUSTOMER

material.

Sir. - Happily for us all, Bezeq bother and would she asked her to employs some people who have a better appreciation of service, courtesy and goodwill than the less than scrupulously honest management.

1 needed an ISDN line in a hurry and phoned the appropriate section. The sales manager, Allegra Illuz, said she would mail me the necessary information and application form. I suggested that, to save time, I would go to the Bezeg main office in Givat Shaul, easily accessible from my home, to get the material. But because she replied that she works out of the company's Ramat Eshkol office and not Givat Shaul, I said that I wouldn't

Beit Zayit.

Sir, - For quite some time, the disloyal opposition has been predicting and demanding an early resignation of our democratically elected prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, I wonder if at the end of Netanyahu's full term of office these very same critics will admit they they have made fools of themselves and if the public will remember this at the next elec-

50 years ago: On December 3, 1947, The Palestine Post reported

that the three-day Arab strike in

protest against Partition began

with a widespread arson, blood-

shed and rioting. The total dead

were five Jews, six were serious-

For the first time the Hagana

came out openly in defense of

Jewish lives and property in

Jerusalem where 16 of its mem-

bers were arrested. Curfew was

imposed on Arab parts of

Jerusalem after a mob of Arab

hooligans broke into Princess

Mary Avenue, where the first

casualties occurred. In full view

of British police they smashed

windows, looted shops, and

stabbed a number of people. Arah neighbors.

ly injured and almost 30 hurt.

Beersheba.

FOOLS OF THEMSELVES

MAISH RUBIN

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

Beilin. The article reminds your reader-

ship that the majority of Israeli Jews voted to reject the program pursued by the Left, especially the Oslo Accords and the inevitable Palestinian state of the Left.

including the prominent journal-

ist Mr. Asher Lazar of Ha'areiz.

Much later a line of police,

emerging from their Russian

Compound headquarters, edged

the mob back, but took no force-

ful action. Retreating the mob

burst into the textile and trade

shops in the Commercial Center

In Jaffa, at the Tel Aviv border

barricades four Jews and two

Arabs were killed: A convoy sys-

tem was reintroduced on roads.

Police armored cars escorted con-

between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

voys of cars and buses traveling

In Haifa Jews started leaving

Arab quarters. They said they had

been advised to do so by their

which it eventually set on fire.

GERALD KATZ

in part, by fear that they will be criticized by American Jewish liberals. While a handful of vocal Jewish

N.D. GROSS

Sir, - It was refreshing to read the opinion article of Chaim Seiden, "Netanyahu is right" (November 25) in the spot too often populated by leftists, namely Abba Eban and Yossi

REFRESHING REMINDER

proceed with mailing me the

The felicitously named Allegra

then said, "Wait a mioute. I live

in Mevasseret [which is even

closer to me than Givat Shaul].

I'll take the forms home this

evening and you can pick them

Thanks to Allegra's thoughtful-

ness, initiative and obligingness,

Bezeq now has at least one satis-

up when convenient."

She did and I did.

fied customer.

HERBERT ZWEIBON, Chairman, American For a Safe Israel New York.

In New York the Americans for

Hagana (Defense) called on the

US to supply arms to the Hagana.

25 years ago: On December 3

1972, The Jerusalem Post report-

ed that air links with the outside

world were restored after an

almost three-day-long suspen-

sion. But 20,000 phones in the

Dan Region were silenced by

Egypt announced that it would

not accept a partial settlement and "will not hesitate to wage a

The Jewish settlement of

Peki'in village in Upper Galilee

was resumed by a group of

Alexander Zvielli

American yeshiva students.

technicians' strike.

battle of bberation."

Evangelical Christian community.

At the tenderest end of the line, Congress can add one penny in tax

Philip Morris invested \$4.2 mil-

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY Jr.

gave 99 percent to the Democrats; the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, 85 percent; the National Education Association, 96 percent; the Teamsters Union, 96 percent; the Laborers Union, to name a few.

TWO points spring to mind. The first is: How do grown-ups think they can conceal the clerical plunders told here? Forty-four percent of organized labor voted for Ronald Reagan and we are asked to believe that only 4 percent of the Teamsters Union is pro-Republican?

But mostly the eye sensitive to democratic culture asks: Why is it so important to win federal favor for these groups?
What do they want? The trial

lawyers want no federal limits on tort awards. The labor unions want all those things that contribute to union-power: forced membership, uncompetitive pricing of federal projects and, depending oo the union's leadership, a left-ideological orientation of government.

disposition, the largest sums of money raised were from corpora-tions, to Republican-minded indi-

whim of government.

one-fifth to Democrats, four-fifths to Republicans? It's not much money. Philip Morris probably spends more than that per year advertising in Playboy.

It wants congressmen who will listen to their pleadings. This is fair enough, though in an ideal world you wouldn't need to conpribute to a congressman's campaign in order to get a hearing.

From all of which one sadly deduces that one is not living in an ideal world.

Political money

That the American people are interested in, or should be, is the extent to which government policy is for sale.

So who was the top donor in the 1996 campaign? Take two seconds

Right: Philip Morris. The tobacco giant has the most to win/lose depending on what Congress does. Congress can, pace the Supreme Court, declare tobacco to be a drug and forbid

lion in the campaign. Twenty-one percent was given to Democratic candidates, 79 percent to Republican candidates. Republicans are in power and deserve maximum stroking, and Republicans, who tend to be more permissive than Democrats, are more natural allies in libertarian goals.

The next-in-size givers, from second to ninth, were: unions, if loosely defined. They are Bolshevik-majority Democrats. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Although the top givers are overwhelmingly Democratic in viduals and enterprises.

The reasoning here is prenty

obvious. A corporation bas assets that are depreciated if the government engages in any of several activities: raising taxes, imposing fresh regulations, increasing the cost of labor. But of course the principal concern is the dependence of so many on the least

What does Philip Morris expect, in return for its \$4m. distributed

(Universal Press Syndicate)

Analysis),

chance for a durable peace.

What do your children do in cyberspace?

SEX ON THE NET

The Net offers limitless opportunities for curious kids. Should parents and teachers monitor – and limit - where children surf? Aryeh Dean Cohen talks to educators about how to teach common Net sense

hen Rachel Elkin of Jerusalem and her husband subscribed to an Internet service at home, they did so for "learning purposes." But instead, her 11-year-old daughter got a lesson about the Internet she'll oever forget, reflecting concerns parents and educators alike have about just how much freedom youngsters should be given On the Net.

We noticed one day that the door was closed in the computer room, which made us suspicious," said Elkin, whose older son is a computer whiz and taught his sister how to get into Net chat lines. "My daughter was in there with a couple of girlfriends, and I saw she was on one of these sex channels," recalled Elkin (not her real

"Now I knew why the door was closed. She was typing in that she was blonde with brown eyes. which is true - hut also that she is 17, which isn't. And all these people were writing to her saying that they've always wanted a hlonde.

brown-eyed girlfrieod."
Elkin gave her daughter hell for that escapade, but soon there was more trouble. While her daughter and a friend were "talking" on a regular chat site with a boy purporting to be her own age from Haifa, he asked for her phooe

"Being innocent, she gave him the number. My son heard what was going on and screamed at her not to because then anyone could call you," she recalled. The initial call turned out to indeed be from a hoy her own age, hut subsequent calls were not. The young girl found herself besieged with "friends,"; and spent much of the next few days slamming the phone: down non astronationally another a

While this incident turned out to be no more than an annovance. similar ones elsewhere have ended less innocently. There have been reports of youngsters in the US being, sought out by seemingly innocent chat partners and then

At a time when use of the Internet is spreading like wildfire, and Internet studies have been introduced in the schools, increasing numbers of educators and parents are debating just where to draw the line regarding Net access for children.

Imposing such limits isn't too difficult. There are several programs on the market which either limit access, or ensure that osers' personal information isn't passed on. Few are foolproof, however, and when curiosity strikes, there are a burgeoning oomber of places youngsters can go to see what their parents might oot want them

WEB STUDIES are also being offered today in some 200 Israeli schools, mostly high schools, according to Yaffa Vidovsky, head of the Education Ministry's Science and Technology Administration. Pupils learn how to use the Net's databases and search engines, benefiting from the Net's integration of disciplines and learning English without even knowing it, Vidovsky

She is highly aware of what's out there in cyberspace, and therefore works with the pupils to develop their own moral code in a Virtual City they create as part of their Internet studies.

What's forbidden and what's permitted today doesn't just apply to the Internet, but to everything in the media," she says. "We've latched onto the Internet because we see it as something that is more easily accessible. But we should have been asking that same question the moment anyone hooked up to cable TV, for example. How can you keep a child from seeing

The basic question is whether we handcuff the kids and tell them: 'You're not going to go there because I'm limiting you,'

'What's forbidden and what's permitted today doesn't just apply to the Internet, but to everything in the media. We should have been asking that same auestion the moment anyone hooked up to

New Caract descripthe bid days, when there's were books that were for certain. age groups and the librarians simply didn't lend out books to children that weren't suitable.

'So yoo can choose this way of handling things, and if your child is smart, he doesn't watch cable at house, and you can't control this, just like you can't keep them from seeing a movie that is off-limits to those under 18.

"This approach has the pareot say: 'I'm going to determine what is off-limits,' and the things that are forhidden are like commandments ... and you say to the child you can't do this or that. However, there are research studies which show that if you tell an adolescent oot to do something, or that they can't do something, their curiosity spurs them to do just that. They want to know exactly what it is they areo't allowed to see, or

Vidovsky and Educatioo Ministry officials choose a different approach in the schools, one in which she says, "You huild a code of ethics with the child, and with the teachers. And in this code of ethics, you explain to him why these things are not forbidden, but are negative. What's wrong with

it what it can lead to. We want to use this Virtual City project to teach children to determine on their own what's permitted and forbidden. So we build virtual cities with them via the Internet and set the rules with them, how the city will be ruled,

what's permitted and forbidden. "What we're saying is that setting these codes is oot something we impose from above, hot rather you decide yourself that it's necessary. That's first ... then you reach other codes with the help of the teacher and the pupils, which allow you to see what benefit or damage they can

The program also teaches the youngsters how to deal with what they might encounter on the Internet. "Whatever you see oo the Internet," says Vidovsky, "somebody put it there. So you must learn to discern between a real source of information and junk which anyone can dump into the Net, and is aimed at destroying those values which allow you to lead a normal life."

WHILE ACCESS to problematic sites at most schools in the program is limited hy cooseot, Vidovsky says technical means will likely be used in state-religious schools to prevent access to such sites. One advocate of that approach is Zvi Ilani, marketing director of Toranet, which offers such services for home use.

Ilani rejects Vidovsky's idea of youngsters creating their own codes for Internet use.

"I think there are also educators who would say you let a child play with a safety pin near an electrical outlet and say: 'He'll learn by himself by sticking the safety pin in the socket, getting a shock and learning not to play with it. The same regarding playing with fire.

"But those who play with fire or electricity immediately feel. an that six solder and the problem with these who water these isites; on the Internet sometimes don't think it's such a bad thing initially, and just drown in this stuff eventually. "Letting them go their owo way is the stupidest thing: it's like letting a child play alongside a precipice without a guard rail. How can a child keep from enterattracted to these things, how can they self-censor themselves? I've never heard of anything so ridiculous.

"People just aren't aware. The state-religious public who have televisions and go to movies aren't, either. People who are more liberal, shall we say. Such liberalism - and I think when it comes to the Internet, we really should call it permissiveness creates problems with material that goes way beyond what is available on television or the movies. There is the worst type of pornography and there are many oo the Nct just looking for ways to

lure youngsters." Ilani is also angered that material being prepared for Internet edocation bere ignores the special nceds of the religious public.

"It's because there are all kinds of interested parties," he says. "The material is being prepared by bodies associated with the state schools, and the state-religious schools haven't been allowed to

prepare their own materials. The Education Ministry and in particular the Religious Education Department, must address this matter of preventing pupils from entering the open Internet. If it starts in school it will spread to the home."



Web studies are offered in 200 schools in Israel. One Education Ministry project strives to teach children to determine on their own what is permitted and what isn't.

EDUCATOR TOBY Klein Greenwald, vice president of credevelopment WholeFamily, an educational website on family relationships,

takes a different position. This is not a question that can be answered in a vacuum, and the mestion of censorship of the media

is not hlack and white," she says.

that teachers discuss with their students openly, along with discussion of values and self-censorship in other areas. Theo there is the question of

the family and how the parents, like teachers, train children to develop their own sense of values and self-censorship," she says. While she does oot believe chil-

Zvi Ilani of Toranet advocates blocking problematic sites. Letting kids censor themselves, he says, is like letting a child play alongside a precipice without a guard rail'

"A great deal depends on the dren wo neral approach of the family orof the school. It is easy for schools? to block certain sites on the Net. and perhaps that's what should be done, because even if kids can get to it elsewhere, it is sending a subliminal message from the school: This is not acceptable to us.

"I think the school does oot have values. But it should be a topic while setting down the guide- High School and also surfs at can get into deep water."

sits down at his desk and bingo, he's in a porno site, and nobody

I think each family has to deal with censorship of the

lines, the parent should explain why he is doing so, discuss it with the child, and show his child that he respects him and expects him to develop a sense of what is appropriate viewing for him and what is oot.

"Children also learn from personal example. Parents who are discriminating about what they read, view and surf and who have a good relationship with their children have a better chance of raising kids who will develop similar

Yaffar Ben-Dror, curriculum director for Futurekids, which runs after-school programs in which children are taught how to rise the Internet, also believes a dialogue, with the child is the best approach. Supply talk to your children genly, she advises, like you ould tell them not to go to a

CX movie. Explain what's probthe use of the Internet, occasionally checking what sites they're looking at, and don't let them surf alone all the time."

YANAI SACHS, 15, a self-confessed hacker who had Internet home, says parents should work out Internet rules with their children.

"I can understand how some parents might want to limit the sites their child can see, but in general, I am against censorship of the Net."

He reports that teachers crack down hard on any pupils trying to use school computers to visit objectionable sites, and says while be's against forbidding access, "the schools have to set certain standards. After all, a school is a placethat's supposed to educate you

As for an overally solution, he recommends an approach where you re shown what's good and what's bad on the Net, and told what to watch out for. That sounds good to me."

As for Rachel Elkin, while she and her husband "don't dictate" to their children what to do on the Net, they explained to their Haughter the trouble she could

"When the phone rang, she panicked, and realized she'd made a mistake," Elkin recalls. "I'd advise parents to keep a very close watch on what their children are doing on the Internet.

After all, there are children five

The Web's most sought after sites

Sex is the present of the process of the next of the process of th

University, said. The internet is or trustness in a new years probably one of the most pito.

The phenomenon will impact found changes in world society bluman sexuality by offering history, with greater impact than information, education, the chance of a first step for the cast media.

Sex drives the technology of blirty of linking those with simi-



Semally explicit material is the mumber one income generator ou the Net - and may soon spell the end of six hollines.

lar sexual orientations and tasses ... Cooper said if people get to There is also a potential for know each other before physical better long-term relationships attraction occurs (Renters)

When teens are obsessed with sex



ur 14-year-old seems obsessed with sex. He spent a lot of time looking at sexual positions on

the Internet until we forbade

Now he does it at a friend's house. One day, he left his diary lying around open and I saw pages of crude, primitive descrip-tions of sex. Is this something to worry about? Is it normal behavior for this age?

Alan J. Flashman, M.D., child psychiatrist and pediatrician, Yes. However, the "fact" that it

is normal is of little use to you. Let's try a few supplementary questions Should I let him know that I am aware of his interests?

I think so. Should I leave his sexual interest alone as his "private" business? After you talk with him, sure. But oot instead of talking with him. And it would belp if you don't use his "privacy" as a way of

avoiding your own discomfort with the subject. Sometimes, "being liberal" is really being par-Well, what if I am paralyzed!?
Isn't that normal for someone who grew up in the Dark Ages?

interest presents a challenge for But we hear that parents of adolescents are supposed to be consis-

Yes. However, your son's sexual

tent - in other words, nothing new? I don't think this is true. Adolescents do need a measure of consistency; they need a basic anchor in a recognizable world in which they are more or less at home. This gives them the securi-ty from which they can develop further. But I think they also need to feel that their pareots are growing as well. Otherwise, they feel they are alone in changing. What gives adolesceots a sense of hope about the world is that their pareots recreate themselves as parents in the face of adolescence. That gives adolescents the sense that they are growing with their parents, that they are participating in changes not only in themselves, but in their families as well. You soo is oow inviting you to undergo growth in the area of sexuality as a person, a couple, and a family.

What kind of growth are you talking about? Isn't sex fully developed once the organs and glands are developed?

Only in the Playboy philosophy, which is a sort of Peter Pan of the Penis — erections only, no growing up. Those who produce the pornography exploit your son's healthy curiosity.

That is where an adult can talk

with him about the difference between sexual interest or excitement and sexual exploitation. Addressing this matter may awaken

some dormant and unresolved matters in the minds and bodies of many a father or mother. We often develop sexually in uneven and unexpressed ways. Sexual growth as adults involves the increasing ability to be interested in and sensitive to sexual

meanings in our partner. Aside from what makes each persoo feel good, what makes her/him feel appreciated and

close? Only when our adolescents challenge us do we feel called upon to examine and define our own development. Here is an opportunity for spouses to talk to each other before they talk to their offspring — about themselves, and oot just about their child. The more secure parents feel about their own growth, the more confident they will be that they can

offer a grown-up and still-growing approach to sexuality.

And that is the approach that your son has invited you to work out for yourself and bring to him when he lets you in on his peeping.

Ruthie Blum's Alegar to Tav will return next week

Don't Waste Even... A Single Drap!



and David Brauner

The house plant from Kilimanjaro

ike the last-born in a large family who attracts all the TO SUCCESSFULLY raise attention, the African violet arrived at the end of the 19th century from the slopes of Kilimanjaro to become the most beloved of all house plants." In the wild, these furry-leafed

little plants, also known as Usambara violets, grow only in Tanzania in East Africa, at varying altitudes up to 2,000 meters. In 1892 a German colonial official. Baron Walter von St. Paul Ilaire, sent some specimens home to his father, who grew them successfully. These eventually came to the attention of Hermann Wendland. director of the Royal Botanic Garden at Herrenhausen, near Hanover. Though offered for sale in 1894, the first named varieties did not appear until 1927.

In honor of the finder, Wendland named the new genus Saintpaulia (Hebrew: sanpolia afrikanit) of the Gesneriaceae family. And because the flowers looked similar to the true violet, although there is absolutely no botanical relationship to the violet family, the species was called ionatha, meaning violet-flowered.

In fact, African violets are "cousins" of the showy gloxinias from Brazil. One of the true house plants, African violets are capable of completing their whole life cycle, from seed to flowering, indoors. On a light windowsill, they will flower most of the year.

African violets at home, it is good to know something about how they grow in their natural habitat. Though originating in the tropics close to the equator, this little herb grows at high altitudes in the Usambara mountains of Tanzania. Therefore, the African violet is tolerant of lower temperatures than

those occurring in sea-level rain forests and prefers indirect sun.
In general, African violets like to be pot-bound. So grow them in a small pot, but if they outgrow their original pot, move up one size pot

Light: The right light is the key element in keeping your plant flowering happily all year round. Too little light is usually the reason what there is a supply the reason with the reason wit son why these plants become "spindly" and do not flower. But too much light will result in "scorching" the fleshy leaves. They will bleach to a pale yellow color, and feel brittle to the touch.

You may have to experiment a little. For example, you buy or receive the gift of a plant in flower, and you place it on the dining-room table, where it stays in flower. But it is not sending out any additional flowers and the existing flowers begin to pale. That means that the light conditions are not right for your plant to build itself up to produce more flowers.

If you want to put your plants on a windowsill, but there is too much direct sun, you can place a fabric, not a fine oet curtain, which is too thin. From November to the end of February, you can increase their exposure to light.

Watering: Some say that African violets should be watered from the top, and others conteod that they must be moistened only from the bottom. Quite honestly, either method is equally good. What really matters is how much

water the plant gets.

Bear in mind, especially when watering from above, not to wet the leaves. Water on the leaves can kill the greeo chlorophyll, leaving white spots and streaks, particularly if the water is cold. Also, take care not to get water in the center of the plant. So if you water from the top, use a watering can with a long narrow spout to reach under

Bottom watering is the best way to quickly revive a really dry plant. Stand the plant in a bowl with lukewarm water coming about halfway up the pot. Remove the pot after half an hour and return it to its growing position.

In watering terms, the African violet seems to thrive on neglect. Allow the pot to dry out somewhat, even to the stage where the leaves start to lose their crispness. If the pot feels light when you lift it, the plant needs water, And remeniber these are tropical plants, so in their natural environment the rain water is warm. So avoid shocking your plants with

the window, Use a heavier white cold tap water - it slows their growth.

Temperature: Optimum temperatures for the African violet are between 18 and 24°C, but in non-native environments (e.g., your home) the range can be stretched an additional three degrees either way, that is, 15 to 27°C. On the cold side, of this range, as the temperature falls, the plant's growth slows. Should the ambient temperature be allowed to dip to 10°, growth will stop entirely. At 5°, the plant will die.

Temperatures of 28 to 34° are equally harmful. Over 34° stresses the plant beyond endurance. It will try to pump up enough water from the roots to replace that which is given off in transpiration from the leaves. If it is not able to cope with the demand, oot eoough water will reach the foliage and the whole plant will collapse. Of course, flowering will also be affected,

with smaller, short-lived blooms. Humidity: A native of the rain forest, the African violet needs moist air. Commercially, they are grown in 60% bumidity, while the average home has humidity of only around 30% in summer and even less in winter, when homes

are heated. Grouping plants together helps humidify the air. Or stand the pot on a tray of pebbles with water. The pebbles must be above the water level so the bottom of the pot does not come in contact with the water, otherwise unwanted water will be absorbed into the soil.

Light misting early in the morning is another way of moistening. Make sure the plants are not exposed to the sun before they have dried off. Finally, the most humid rooms in the house are the kitchen and bathroom. These are excellent locations if the light is satisfactory.

Feeding: Starved plants lose their green color and flowers will be few, if any. Regular feeding is essential to replace food taken np hy the plant or lost in watering. A 12-36-14 fertilizer, lower in mitrogen and high in phosphorous and potassium, is ideal.

Never feed a bone-dry plant in order oot to "burn" delicate root hairs. While plants are actively growing, feed every 8-10 days using half the recommended strength. During slow-growing winter months, feeding should be reduced to a minimum or omitted

Pests and Diseases: Catching pests early is best. Examine your plants regularly. Use a magnifying glass, if necessary. The tarsonemid (cyclamen) mite attacks the heart of the plant, where small, new leaves begin to appear more hairy, grayish, and eventually turn a sickly yellow. This pest is very difficult to eradicate, and if the plant does not respond to pesticide, it should be destroyed.

Mealy bugs, aphids and red spider mites can also infect African violets. Spray once with a pesti-



Blustration of African violet by J C Heilbrom-Crown

then again after two weeks. If you prefer an inorganic method, soak a cotton swab in alcohol and rub it

Propagation: Growing new plants is easy from leaf cuttings. Choose middle leaves between the oldest (ontside) and youngest (center). Make clean cuts that include the stalks. Dip the stalk ends into a light hormone rooting powder containing fungicide. Use a sterilized rooting medium (available from nurseries). Poke holes into the medium with a pencil, insen the cuttings, leaving one centimeter of the stalk free, and firm the medium around. Water well. Now place the pot of cuttings in a large, clear plastic bag,

making sure it does not touch the leaves, and put it in a warm, bright location away from direct sun Another method is to fill a jam

jar with warm water and cover the top in foil with holes in it for each cutting. This is best done during the hottest part of the year. New plantlets appear at the base

of the stem of each leaf in 5-6 weeks, sometimes longer. If any die, remove them immediately so as not infect the others. Your gardening questions and

comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or

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The simplest way to lest the intensity of the light Six hand between the plant and the sun. If a clear shadow the light is no bright.

This lest applies to summer only. Winter sunstancin climates is fine for Alracan vallets:

Heads 'N' F Tails



By D'yora Ben Shaul this year, and thu-

Te are a family consisting of myself, my husband and our daughter who is 15. She is fond of all animals, and we have always had pets at home. Right now we have two cats. Our Labrador retriever died a few months ago at the age of 12. We have been talking about getting a puppy, and our daughter suggested that we become a foster family to a dog for the Israel Guide Dog

Since I am at home all day and we all love animals, I have no objection to the idea. But I am afraid my daughter will suffer terribly when she has to give the dog back to the center after o year. I think my husband and I could handle giving back the dog, but I don't want to see my daughter suffer. What do you know about the effect of this situation on other youngsters?

A reader in Herzliya The idea of being a foster family for a young guide dog is wonderful in itself, and your daughter seems to be a very mature young person to have suggested the idea. Certainly it is hard to part with an animal to whom you are attached, but there is a great difference between the pain one feels as a result of a sacrifice undertaken of one's own volition

Foster families for seeing eye puppies



Fostering goodwill: Families are needed to raise Labrador and golden retriever puppies for the first year of their lives.

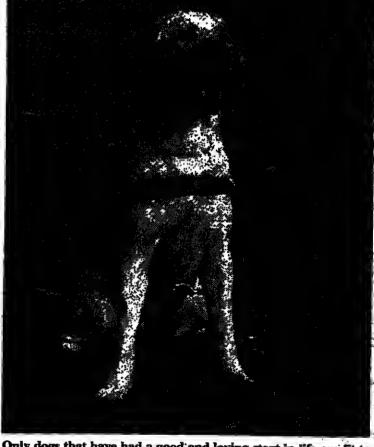
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you have no control. I have known a number of youngsters who participated in fostering a guide dog in their home. All were attached to the animal because only people who really care for animals would be foster families in the first place. In most cases, the parting brought on a few tears, but they all seemed to gain strength from the fact that they were doing a good - one might say even noble - thing in raising a puppy to be of service to a handicapped person and thus giving someone else a priceless

I think that such an experience is an opportunity for personal growth for all parties. I have never met a family which undertook such a program that did not feel greatly cariched by the experience.

For our other readers, perhaps a few words about the program would be in order.

The Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind needs foster families to raise Labrador and golden retriever puppies for the first year of their lives. This is important because only dogs that have had a good and loving start in life are suited to the responsibility of being a guide dog. Kermeled puppies won't do.



Only dogs that have had a good and loving start in life are fit to become guide dogs.

It is that vital first year that shapes the dog's character for a lifetime. The center prefers families where there is someone at home most of the day. It is important that the puppy become familiar with living in a home, learn how to behave, and become familiar with the city or town in which it lives. The pup-

pies must learn how to greet visitors and how to have good household manners. At all stages, the family is given assistance by experts and receives financial aid to cover expenses.

Readers interested in this program can call the center at (08) 940-8213.

The color of money

By BETH BERSELLI

This time next year we'll be wearing zephyr-hued clothing, driving tarpon green cars and eating off dishware the

color of cajun spice.

The walls will be beignet, or maybe dragonfly, and look for lime light in products as varied as sporting goods and vinyl blinds.

So predict the titans of tint at the Color Marketing Group, an Alexandria, Va.-based trade association that for 35 years has sought to bring order to the chaotic chromatic world. The 1,500-member association includes in-house colorists at Forume 500 companies, as well as independent color consultants whose clients include Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Ford Motor Co., and Igloo Products Corp.

The CMG plays a large part in determining what hues will rule the worlds of fashion, automobiles for whiter and brighter hues, as .

and home and office decor.

Make no mistake -- picking colors is big business. The CMG, and the industries it serves, is well aware that millions of dollars are riding on its color forecasts. The CMG brought us avocado

"As we move into the millennium, we're becoming more optimistic, so the colors are brighter"

refrigerators in the late 1960s and teal automobiles in the 1990s. Now the association's members are predicting a consumer palette of 1970s-style earth tones, but with a new-era twist. Also look

well as deeper, more saturated colors, such as red-hot cajun spice.

This "color forecast," as the CMG calls it, is based on emerging economic and social trends. 'As we move into the millennium, we're becoming more optimistic, so the colors are brighter," said CMG member Pat Verlodt, who owns a color consulting firm in

"It's like a brave new world, a brave new color." A strong economy has made consumers more daring and willing to experiment with bright new "fun" colors, according to the hue gurus at the CMG. "You don't have to be timid about color anymore," said Melanie Wood. the association's president. "You can do what you want and it's

The telecommunications explosion has exposed consumers to vast amounts of information and increased their color savvy. And

the interest in the entit still around, so there sale ty of green.

"The best product if it isn't the right color, it was sell very well." Wood said. She then recited the association's offerepeated motto: "Color sells and the right color sells better." Consider these examples of producis that took off after a color makeover. A few years back, Igloo Products hired CMG's Verlodt to advise the company on the "right" color for its coolers. Traditional red, blue and white products weren't selling as well as the com-pany wanted. Verlodt suggested adding tropical colors — including turquoise and raspberry. Sales shot up 15 percent.

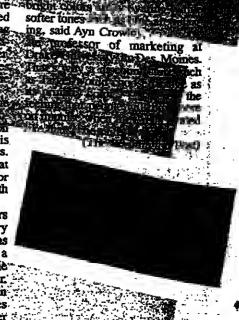
At a consultant's urging. McCormick & Co., the spice giant, changed its packaging for some popular products from drab olive green to deeper forest green.

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from a color redo. In 1990, a con-sultant decided the light blue and

right" color for a profit of the conizing the so-maled association factor. Orange, for example, is often associated with cheapness. While that color might work great for a discount store, it's not a color scheme Nordstrom's or Saks Fifth Avenue would want. Another consideration: Colors

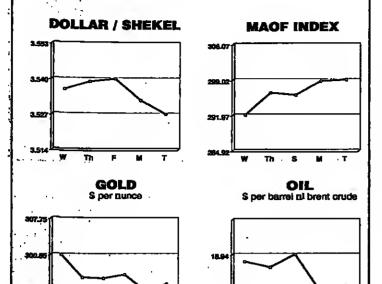
don't necessarily cross industry inter. While orange might work as an accent color in Tashion — say a scarf it's unlikely anyone would buy a pumplin colored car.
Psychology olays a large part in color selection. Numerous studies

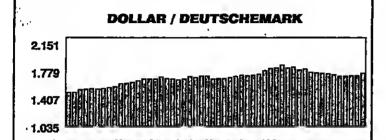


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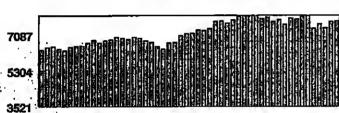
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Azorim to buy 50% of Shikun U'Pituach

Azorim will purchase the 50 percent of shares in Shikun U Pituach owned by Israel Corporation and Renaissance Fund, for NIS 300 million, the company amounted yesterday. Following the deal, Azorim, of the Clai Group, will become the full owner of Shikun U'Pituach.

'A formal merger between Azorim and Shikun U'Pituach is oot being considered at this stage but, according to estimates, Azorim and Clai intend to consolidate the activities of the two companies, and to turn the consolidated company into the leader in residential building in Israel.

Jan.-Nov. state revenues up 1.3%

State revenues in the first 11 months totaled NIS 98.9 billion, a 1.3 percent real terms increase, according to treasury figures published yesterday. Of that, some NIS 54.4b. was collected by the Income and Property Tax department, up 3.3%. The Customs and VAT department, meanwhile, raised NIS 42b., down 1% on the sum through the same period last year.



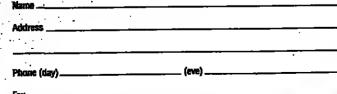
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Livnat: Bezeq flotation and share sale to Cable this month

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The government will sell seven to 10 per-cent of Bezeq shares in Tel Aviv before the end of the year, Communication Minister Limor Livnat said yesterday.

The sale of additional shares to the British

Cable and Wireless company also will take The flotation originally was scheduled for

place during December, the minister said. November, but government threats of legal action against Bezeq subsidiary Bezeq International apparently led to a delay. Bezeq is presently 63.3% government

owned, with Cable holding 10.02%. In July, the government sold Merrill Lynch a t2.4% stake in Bezeq. The shares were to be sold to various concerns here and abroad. The government's stated 1997 target is to reduce its stake in the firm from 76% to 52%.

The flotation will be within the next few weeks, before the end of December," Livnat

With regard to Cable, Livnat confirmed there would be news before the year's end. It is still unclear how large a stake will be sold to C&W. For several months the firm and the Government Companies Authority

have been negotiating, with C&W asking for an additional 10%. Late last month there were media reports that the government is offering only 3%, but both sides agreed

talks were more promising than previously. The likely outcome, according to Israeli sources, is that a percentage smaller than 10% will be sold to Cable this month, with the remainder changing hands next year.

"Relations are currently friendly," the source said. "You know there were times when the two sides weren't even speaking.' Meanwhile, Bezeq Chairman Izzy Tapoohi yesterday handed a dividend check

Minister Yaakov Neeman. The sum is the final dividend payment for 1996. For that year, the company is making dividend pay-ments to shareholders of NIS 197.6m. or

30% of net profits. During the ceremony in the Treasury, Neeman praised Livnat for leading the way in implementing the government's structur-

al changes program.
"I think you are an excellent example of how to achieve efficiencies through competition, which means better service,"

Korea shuts 9 commercial banks in return for massive IMF bailout

By SANGIM HAN and JUDY LEE

SEOUL (Bloomberg) - South Korean stocks tumbled for a ninth day, the won weakened to a record low against the dollar, and interest rates rose to five-year highs as the abrupt closure of nine merchant banks shook investors' confidence in the country's financial

industry.
The benchmark KOSPI stock index fell 4.14 percent to its lowest since May 1987. The won fell almost 4% and the country's benchmark interest rate, the threeyear corporate bond yield, briefly

rose as high as 18,20%.

Korea shut almost a third of its mercbant banks, which are shortterm finance specialists, as it entered a sixth day of talks with the International Monetary Fund over a massive financial bailout. An accord is likely to be reached today, IMF officials said.

The closures within the troubled industry hammered home the economic price Korea will have to pay for the IMF's help. More than 15,000 companies filed for bankruptcy protection this year, and the government is asking the IMF to help ballout bankrupt financial and industrial companies and sbore up the foreign-exchange country's reserves.

"Investors are worried by the expected shocks from the IMF bailout plan to the country's economy," said Park Yong Shik, an analyst at Daewoo Securities. They're selling even before conditions are disclosed."

Korea may have little choice but to accept tough medicine. It may need as much as \$60 billion.

Besides shutting some of debtriddeo finance companies - commercial banks alone have more than \$20 billion of bad debts - the country is expected to slow its growth to 2.5% next year, compared with an estimated 6% this year. Government spending may be cut by 10%.

The government already promised to throw open its bond market to foreigo investors. Yesterday, though, it was the coming economic pain that many investors focused on. Samsung Electronics, the world's largest computer memory chip maker, paced the decline in the stock

"Korean companies are in great confusion now," said B.W. Kim, a broker at Jardine Fleming Securities. "No one can be sure bow the IMF bailout program will

The benchmark KOSPI index of 775 companies plunged 16.29, or 4.14%, to 376.87, its lowest since May 7, 1987. The index has falleo 26% in nine days.

Meanwhile, the banking index

jumped 3.92% - its first gain in oine days - after Finance and



Members of the South Korean Bank Union hold a rally in downtown Seoul yesterday, claiming that a bailout by the IMF will lead to massive layoffs of bank workers.

Economy Ministry spokesman Chung Eui Dong, speaking outside the negotiation room, said the government "won't let any other financial institutions close."

Kookmin Bank, Korea Long Term Credit Bank, Korea Exchange Bank, and Commercial Bank of Korea were all targeted, traders said. Kookmin Bank, the most profitable bank in Korea, rose 7.88% to 6,980. Commercial Bank of Korea, one of the nation's top six commercial banks in terms

of the numbers of branches, stood unchanged at 2,130 after falling as as 8%. Samsung Electronics shares lost 4.34% to 39,700. LG Semicon, another

chip maker, fell 7.65% to 16,900. The won weakened 3.79% to 1,233 to the dollar. The won has already lost half of its value this

Benchmark three-year corporate bond yields was unchanged at 17.5% after surging as high as 18.2%, near a five-year high. The yield on three-month certificate of deposit was also unchanged at 15%.

Finance companies, except some commercial banks, were roiled by concern about the health of the entire industry. Korea First Bank, which is struggling with mounting bad loans, fell 7.56% to 1,590; Hyundai Merchant Bank fell 7.9% to 5,660; and Daewoo Securities, Korea's largest brokerage, shed 7.9% to 6,090.

Neeman: Growth can reach 5%

By DAVID HARRIS

Economic growth will return to four to five percent, or even higher, but only given the correct economic conditions, Finance Minister

Yaakov Neeman said yesterday. Speaking to the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Israel, Neeman, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel and the prime minister's economics adviser Moshe Leon all urged MKs to approve the 1998 state budget, including an NIS 2.3 billion cut in spending.

"Israel can have new sustainable growth of 4-5% or more - but this. depends on us," Neeman said.

Much of the economic "watertreading" is because the previous government entered wage agreements that cannot be upheld, Neeman said.

This year's growth will be 2%; according to Leon, who described the current period as "the end to the break in Israel's economic development. By the second half of 1998 growth will begin increasing once again, with sustainable growth of some 4% in 1999-2000, he said.

In all probability the budget deficit will be within the government's target of 2.8% of the gross domestic product this year, according to Leon, with the stated aim of a 2.4% deficit next year. The intention is to lower the 1998 public sector proportion of GDP to 46.6%.

Neeman received strong support from Frenkel, who called on the country to back the finance minister in his attempt to pass a balanced budget.

"The finance minister is entitled. to the full support that is due to him," Frenkel said. "It's not a political question."

On the privatization front: receipts this year will reach NIS 8-9b. when the target was NIS 4b., Leon added. During 1998, the key sales of government companies will be the completion of the bank privatizations, hiving off additional stakes in Bezeq and Israel Chemicals, together with El Al, the Israel Foreign Trade Risks Insurance Corp., Afridar (the Ashkelon development company) and other smaller state assets.

Inflation will be around the 9%. mark, Leon said, this the fruits of tight economic policies.

The fact that inflation hasn't increased - that is the achievement, it doesn't matter whose." Frenkel added.

The two other speakers, Manufacturers Association Vice President Doron Tamir and economist Ya'acov Sheinin both called for a fresh look at the shekel' exchange rate. Israel will successfully come out of the slowdown if monetary policy and the government's attitude to infrastructure are changed, Sheinin said. Greater spending on infrastructure, particularly in encouraging rail travel. could have a strong positive effect,

Israel's other class struggle

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Will over 50 people a day pay some \$3,000 just so they can fly between Tel Aviv and London stretched out full length under a cuddly comforter? British

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Airways thinks so and is banking

At a time wheo other airlines are cutting back on first class or eliminating it altogether, BA plans to start a first-class service to Israel, starting March 29, airline executives said at a press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday. The move is scheduled to coincide with the introduction of two Boeing 777s on the Israel route, the first such aircraft to fly regularly to Israel.

Nira Dror, director of BA in Israel, said that with the new aircraft, the airline would put Israel on its list of long-haul destinations. This means that oot only will there be 14 first-class seats on each of the airline's 15 weekly flights, but that the business-class seats also would be roomier and that section is to have a buffet, available throughout the flight. Even the peasants in tourist class are to get goodies in the form of a

But the big news, economically

speaking, is the introduction of first class.

"We are the only airline that can guarantee a first-class seat from Israel," Dror said.

El Al has first-class seats on its Boeing 747s, but not on its smaller aircraft. During the summer, the larger aircraft fly daily flights to London and Paris, while for the winter schedule they are used less often, El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman said yesterday. Klieman said be knew of no other airline offering first-class seats on flights to Israel.

During the past few years, the teodency has been for airlines to cut down on first class or eliminate it eotirely. This is based on the theory that even the very rich are not willing to pay premium prices for ultimate pampering when they can get the relative comfort of business class for far less. SAS and KLM, for example, have eliminated first class altogether during the past three years.

Gov't publishes natural gas tender

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The government yesterday published an international tender for the supply of natural gas.

The successful company will be responsible for purchasing, transmitting and marketing the gas, which the National Infrastructure Ministry hopes will be on stream by 2001. Among the countries contending for the tender are Russia and her neighbors in the former Soviet Union, Turkey, Norway, Egypt and Qatar.

"All legal hurdles to the supply are now being removed," ministry spokesman Ra'anan Gissin said after a joint Treasury-National Infrastructure Ministry team approved final details for the ten-

On December 18 there will be a guidance day for those interested in participating in the tender. Companies will have to submit

their bids no later than February 26 next year, with the final selection scheduled for the end of April.

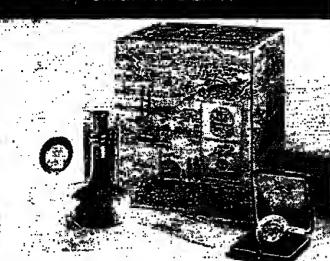
In the coming days, the two min-istries, together with the Justice Ministry, will submit to the minis. terial legislation committee a draft natural gas bill. If approved by the Knesset, the natural gas bill would pave the way for purchase of gas and its supply. Later this month the Planning National Construction Council will discuss

the issue. National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharoo has asked Cross-Israel Highway Ltd. to manage the selection process because of the state-owned company's international tender experience.

"This project will allow Israeli citizens to benefit from an environmentally friendly energy source. something that will increase and improve the quality of life in Israei," Sharon said.

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THE BUSINESS SCENE By GREER PAY CASHMAN



A joint creative effort by perfumer Judith Muller, coin and medal designer Reuven Nuteles, graphic artists Ariella Reisman, and Avishai Shachar of Izuv Izuv Tel Aviv. has been awarded the World Star first prize by the jury of the World Packaging Organization in New York. Muller was commissioned last year by Uzi Narkiss, the then chairman of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, to create a special Israel 50th anniversary perfume to be sold as a gift item in conjunction with the coin designed by Nuteles (see above). This is the second World Packaging award for Mulier, whose hand-painted Batsheba perfume bottle won the packaging Oscar in 1968. The bottle has since become a collectors' item sold at auction houses in Israel and abroad.

Sага Japhet, Ychezkel Kaufman professor of Bible Studies at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, is the newly appointed director of the Jewish National and University Library of the Hebrew University. The appointment became effective on December 1. She replaces Prof. Israel Shatzman, who has been director of the library since 1990. A graduate of the David Yellin Teachers' College and the Hebrew University, Prof. Japhet has been a lecturer at the university since 1973 and a full professor since 1987. She has served as chairperson of the university's Department of Bible and as head of the Institute of Jewish Studies.

Your Lantenberg, chairman of the Zahal Disabled Vereirans Organization, was reelected for a second four-year term as first deputy president of the International Association of Disabled Athletes. The elections took place at the International Society of the Disabled Conference in Sydney, Australia.

included plans for the apcoming Olympics for the Disabled in the year 2000.

Zev Klein has been named general manager of the Renanim shopping mall, the largest mall in the Sharon area. The project, which is scheduled to become operational in July, 1998, was developed by brothers Sammy and Yuli Ofer. Klein, 50. is a humanities and political science graduate of Tel Aviv University. He previously managed the shopping mall that the Ofer brothers own in Budapest.

Dan David has been appointed vice president for engineering at Bezeg International. A Haifa Technion graduate in electrical engineering, David, 48, has spent the past 20 years in a series of key positions at Elbit.

Shauli Dor is the new general manager of the Carmel Jordan River hotel, Tiberias, Dor, 38, a Haifa Technion hotel management graduate, spent eight years working for the Hyan chain in the US. He was also food and beverage manager of the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv, and a member of the start-up team of the Holiday Inn hotel, Herzliya.

Ze'ev Sivan has been promoted to general manager of Koor Holdings after serving for four years as the company's deputy manager. A civil engineer by . profession, he has also held enior positions with L Moskowitz, and Ofer Brothers.

Though still in the process of completing his studies for his first degree at the Holon Institute of Technology, Aviad Weinstock, 24, has been appointed head of Rapid's new data system Rapidinfo. Rapid, which is expanding its sales. division, has also appointed Eric Artman, 25, as financial consultant with an expertise in

The highroad to high tech

Buying into a compelling technology story could reap huge rewards for the local investor

By NEIL COHEN

ver the past two weeks, both our main portfolios have significantly underperformed the market. The conservative rose 1.79 percent and the aggressive 1.41% in a period when the general share market rose 4.54%. Still, since we began the portfolios in May 1996, the conservative portfolio has outperformed the General Share Index by 13%, while the aggressive portfolio is almost 22 percentage points ahead of the market.

I'm not in the least bit bothered that we've underperformed over a two-week period. We now have significant cash cushions going forward. If the market surges, we still have good quality holdings which 1 like for the future. If the market drops, we will do better than the market because of all the cash. We'll be able to step in and pick up bargains when all others are fleeing. I wouldn't rule out raising some more cash if the situation arises.

Carmel Contaioer and Ampal have been pretty poor performers, for example. Carmel is at the low end of its industry cycle, and lacks new capacity on stream, so profits have been depressed, and the stock has suffered accordingly. I am inclined to wait and watch for a while, as this particularly illiquid

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stock can pick up very sharply

when the cycle turns. Ampal is being reshaped by the Steiometz diamond family, who acquired cootrol last year from long-time controlling shareholder Bank Hapoalim. They have been shedding peripheral and loss-making holdings. Their new focus is on high-tech investments, where they believe greater long-term potential exists. Meantime, though, the share price has barely moved.

I think the long-term story is reasonable, backed by a solid asset base. On the other hand, considering that new ownership and management were brought in to revitalize an attractive but under-exploited collection of assets, an investment in Ampal is now a bet on a largely untried management team making savvy investments in hightech. Not exactly what I had m mind when I invested, though also oot a reason to jettison the stock. But the change at Ampal is, of course, salutary.

Last week, yet another acquisition of an early-stage Israeli hightech company by major foreign concerns was announced. This time it was the sale of Rad-Net to Siemens and Newbridge Networks for \$80 million. Rad-Net has not even begun to sell its products. Two months ago, Johnson &

Neil's Portfolio

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Johnson shelled out \$400m. for Biosense, and Cylink paid \$83m. for Algorithmic Research. These are but the last in a long line of profitable exits for those bold enough to invest in Israeli hightech start-ups. Of course the failure rate is commensurately high, but wheo one is fortunate enough to pick a winner, the returns can be astronomical.

Our best performer, by far, has been the high-tech concern Orbotech. One of the next best performers has been Tower Semiconductor, which we bought at \$5 and change, have seen go north of \$20 and even at \$10 or so we are still showing very good returns (we've taken some profit on the way).

One of the ways to play this sector is by trying to spot promising technology companies that are already publicly traded, and therefore financially more stable and less risky than start-up situations. Even such publicly traded opportunities are often mispriced (in both directions) and can be highly profitable;

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has been as high as four times that in the space of about a year.

Even Checkpoint Software Systems, widely regarded as one of the country's all-time high-tech start-up successes - where a group of young programmers each made hundreds of millions of dollars within a few years - has provided such opportunities. During a period of time since going public last year, the stock traded at \$17-\$18. Over the last couple of months, on the back of continued strong

growth, it has been close to \$50. There have been similar opporunities in ECI Telecom, already very much an established company, but still very much a technology growth story.

So, in uncertain times, if there's a compelling technology stock story around, such as Orbotech, we'll be going for it.

Still, not every growth or start-up story comes from technology. One start-up I have been following since its infancy is Direct Insurance, the baby of Zur Shamir, which is con-trolled by the Schneidman family. Direct Insurance imitates Direct Line, the highly successful British pioneer of Direct Insurance. The business model is very simple: Cut out the insurance agent who takes a hefty commission for handling the customer and policy, and you can offer cut-rate insurance. This cost benefit to the consumer should enable you to win market share and eventually turn a profit and a worth-

while return on your investment. Despite some customer dissatisfaction, and notwithstanding an

we bought Orbotech at \$14.5 and it aggressive campaign by the insurance-agents association, who see their livelihood threatened, Direct Insurance has been so successful that it has attracted a bunch of imi-

tators and competitors. It is running quite nicely one step ahead of the pack and having hith-erto sold only elementary insur-ance, ie. auto and household insurance, it will shortly begin to offer

life insurance.

Taking market share away from the big traditional insurers in their most profitable line of business will not be easy, but it is clear that insurance sold over the telephone has its place in the Israeli market.

Since taking control of Zur Shamir, the Schneidmans have successfully launched and built Direct Insurance, closed down the group's loss-making textile activities and made some savvy real-estate moves. The stock trades at 16 times

historic earnings and at book value.

I think that if the life insurance business goes well, there's nice upside from here. So for the defensive portfolio we're buying the series 3 CPI-linked convertible bonds which yield CPI plus 4.2% after tax, to redemption; have an average of 4.8 years to run, ic., plenty of time; and have a reasonable conversion premium of 43%.

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BOJ: Yamaichi assets exceed liabilities

Bank of Japan (BOJ) Governor Yasno Matsushita said yesterday the failed Yamaichi Securities Co.'s assets exceed its liabilities, and that the brokerage will be able to repay special loans from the central bank.

Speaking at a session of the Finance Committee of the upper house of parliament, Matsushita said Yamaichi will repay the loans by selling assets. He added this the brokerage, which said on Nosc 24 it would close, will not shut its doors soon, because it will take time to

sell assets to pay off the loans.

The central bank issued 3.8 trillion yen (\$29.6 billion) in special loans to troubled companies as of Thursday, Matsushita said. As of last Tuesday, the Bank of Japan yen of the total to Yamaichi.

Regarding Japan's broader economic simation, the central bank chief reiterated that the economy ... is slowing down and that the Bank of Japan will therefore maintain its low-interest-rate policy.

Matsushita added that the cen-

tral bank could not confirm that Japan's growth is sustainable, and implied that the BOJ will hold rates down mittil that could be con-firmed. The BOJ has kept its official discount rate, the rate it charges banks for overnight loans, at a record-low 0.5 percent since September 1995.

Japan's economy shrank 2.9% in the April-June quarter, or 11,2% on an annualized basis, its worst performance in 24 years.

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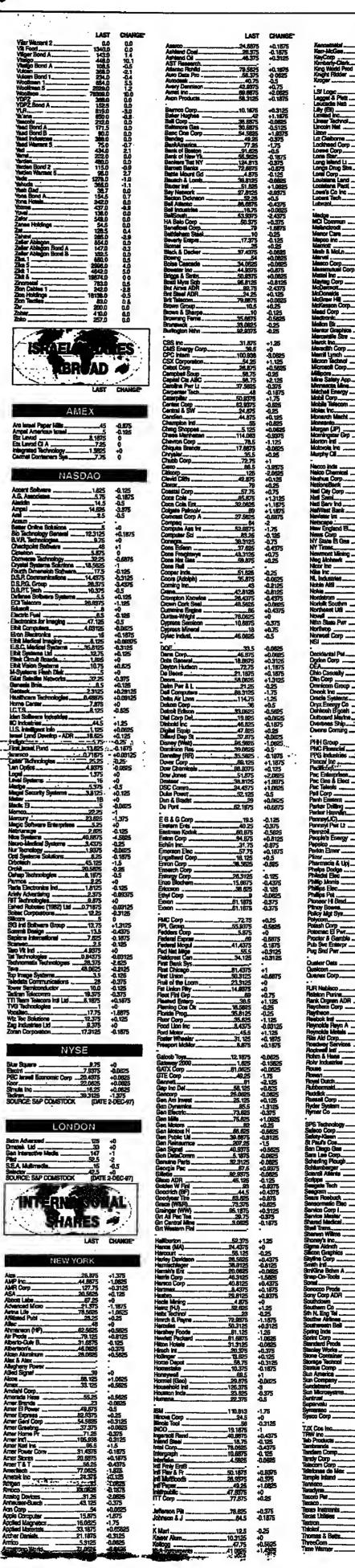
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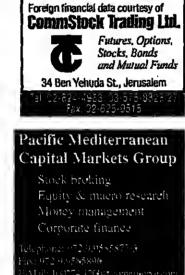
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LONDON METAL FIXES

London's FTSE 100 jumped 45 points at the open, but as it had seen 120 points of the Wall Street rise before closing on Monday, the Stocks were mixed yesterday market looked for new reasons to after two of Israel's largest banks reported lower earnings Monday and after stocks in New York advance and, finding none, eased gently back to some 20 points

"The market has run out of steam," a dealer said. Frankfurt's DAX, however, profit from sales of non-hanking which closes earlier in the day. responded in full to the news from

New York and gained an early 40 points, or 1%, to settle above But while London was steady and Frankfurt was already looking for further gains from its tradition-

al Christmas rally, other European bourses were less optimistic. The Paris CAC was down 0.6% in thin trading and barely bolding

above 2,900. The market has reached a high point; I expect it will go down again before Christmas," said a

Elsewhere, markets were steady to slightly lower, with news that South Korea had signed a bail-out deal with the IMF failing to convince operators that the southeast Asian crisis was anywhere near its

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Japanese stocks fell, led by banks such as Bank of Tokyo-



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Mitsuhishi Ltd., on continued anxiety about the health of Japan's banking system.

"People are worried about the financial system," said Akira Yamada, chief dealer at Kyokuto Securities Co.'s equity division. So after a round of short covering it's not surprising that shares are falling again."

Debate about the use of public funds to support the financial industry had spurred dealers to huy back financial issues they'd borrowed and sold during November's string of bankruptcies. Now, with dealers' positions closed, and banks no better for wear, there was no incentive to huy

Minister Ryutaro Prime Hashimoto pledged on Monday to

"complete a safety net" to protect depositors, yet the premier said Saturday it's "unavoidable" that some uncompetitive financial institutions will fail. The benchmark Nikkei 225

stock average fell 142.85 points, or 0.84 percent, to 16,864.74. The broader Topix average of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 6.22 points, or 0.49%, to 1268.22.

An estimated 304 million shares traded as of midday on the first section, up from 258 million the same time yesterday. Nikkei 225 index futures traded in Osaka fell 90 to 16.910 and those traded in Singapore fell 40 to 16.915.

In Hong Kong the benchmark Hang Seng Index breached 11,000 point for the first time in a month. led by banks and property compa-nies as lending rates eased to a six-week low. HSBC Holdings Plc and its unit Hang Seng Bank Ltd. paced the gains, jumping more than 5% each.

"Now that interbank rates are lower a hit, the investors are rebuilding their confidence," said Chris Cary, investment director at Pacific World Asset Management Ltd_ which manages \$20 million in Asian equities and bonds.

The benchmark Hang Seng Index rose 465.47, or 4.33% - its highest gain in more than a week to close at 11.216.35, extending Monday's 2.1% gain.

Wall Street

Technology shares were pounded by profit worries yesterday, but the broad market was little changed after an early round of profit-taking on Monday's big

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 5.72 points to 8,018.83, edging higher just before the close. Broader stock indicators were mostly negative, although advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a small margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Advancers issues outnumbered decliners by a 6-to-5 margin on the NYSE, with 1,625 up. 1,337 down and 521 unchanged, but decliners ruled the day on the technology-laden Nasdaq Stock

NYSE volume totaled 575.28 million shares as of 4 p.m., down slightly from 589.70 million on

The Standard and Poor's 500stock list fell 3.09 to 971.69, and the NYSE composite index slipped 0.09 to 507.64.

The Nasdaq composite index feli 24.34, or 1.5 percent, to

1,606.38. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.68 to 432.48, but the small-company dominated American Stock Exchange composite index rose

Dollar sags as Tokyo intervention looms

The dollar eased against the yen yesterday, after monetary officials in Asia warned of the consequences of further rises and Japan seemed set for official dollar-selling on the foreign exchange market for the first time since August 1992.

Tel Aviv

Bank Hapoalim Ltd. said third-

quarter net income fell 9.7 per-

cent, reflecting the previous year's

businesses. Hapoalim shares fell

1%. Israel Discount Bank Ltd.

reported that third-quarter net

income fell 36%. Excluding

expense related to an early-retire-

ment program, net fell 7.2%.

Discount shares fell 1.75%. Bank

The Maof Index rose 0.08% to

299.02, the Mishtanim Index rose

0.22% to 288.85 and the Tel Aviv

Continuous Trading Index moved

Disappointment with the finan-

cials" at Discount Bank held back

the market, said Ilan Doron, trader

Europe

Major European markets started

ahead yesterday, responding to a

four percent revival in Hong

Kong's Hang Seng index and a

massive 190-point gain on Wall

Street Monday that took the Dow

at Solid Financial Markets.

Leumi shares fell 0.5%.

up 0.79% to 97.48.

advanced.

The dollar also weakened against the mark, after a Bundesbank member said its recent strength was caused by eveots in southeast Asia, not weakness in the German economy, where he saw strong growth

"A rising dollar is certainly something that will oot help us with our stability policies, especially when this means higher volatility," Bundesbank council member Reimut Jochimsen told 3 news

The mark responded by rising to

dollar - a full pfennig up on Monday's level. In Tokyo, dealers and analysts said Japan might try to maximize the impact of any dollar-selling intervention by timing it to coincide with big macroeconomic

a session high of around 1.77 to the

events, dealers and analysts said. These could include an agreement expected today between South Korea and the International Monetary Fund on a bailout plan or the announcement of ecocomic steps by Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party expected on December 16, they said.

But dealers said intervention



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would have only a short-term impact, as Japan's economic fundamentals do nor justify water

Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka said movements in the forex market, especially in the yen against the dollar, are not favorable, and that Japan stands ready to act appropriately to ensure curren-

cy market stability. The dollar was also dampened by a warning from an international monetary official that a further dollar gain against Asian currencies would rebound on the US.

"The US dollar's rise not only against the yen but also other Asian currencies, such as the rupiah, would have a big impact on the United States because that would cause competitive devaluations. the official said outside meaning of

Asian finance ministers in Kuala

In London, operators said they were encouraged by Monday's US NAPM survey which showed a weaker than expected trend in manufacturing - banishing immediate fears of a US interest rate

They also expected British interest rates to remain on hold after tomorrow's regular monetary policy committee meeting. Gilt futures were flat ahead of the meeting.

The Bundesbank holds its fortnightly council meeting tomorrow,: but 10 economists polled by Renters were unanimous were expecting it to leave German rates unchangent well. Takkensen

Coffee rises amid Vietnamese growers' hoarding

Coffee

Coffee futures rose in London as Vietnamese growers hoarded supplies due to expectations of higher prices. A government relaxation on rules that previously forced farmers to sell their crops early, good weather and profits made earlier in the harvest have allowed Vietnamese growers to delay sales of coffee, hoping prices will rise further, local traders said.

Coffee for January delivery rose \$22 to \$1,760 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange.

Oil

Crude oil prices in London were little changed as some traders saw value in crude futures with the supply glut following OPEC's decision to raise quotas some way off, brokers said. Ministers at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided Saturday to raise the combined production ceiling to 27.5 million harrels a day from 25.033 million. That won't happen right away though, and after Brent fell to 19week lows some brokers figured prices wouldn't decline much furCOMMODITIES



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ther and bought back contracts they'd sold before prices fell Monday. In addition, colder weather in Europe could help prices up. January crude rose 1 cent to

trade at \$18.15 a barrel.

Precious metals

Gold rose from 12 1/2-year lows despite concern weakening jewelry demand in parts of Asio could

spread to India even as central banks consider selling some of their reserves of the precious metal. The Indian rupee continued to weaken, falling to a record low of 39.90 against the dollar. India is

the world's largest consumer of

rate rise is unlikely as the Bank

gold for jewelry use and demand typically picks up at this time of the year when the country's wedding season gets underway. Gold for immediate delivery rose \$1.30 to \$294.75 an ounce.

Copper was little changed amid expectations of a surge in stockpiles as Asian demand sags and production from Latin America continues to climb. KM Europa Metal AG, Europe's largest consumer of copper, said it expects the price of the base metal to continue to decline and inventories of the metal held in London Metal Exchange warehouses to climb because of the financial crisis in Asia. (Bloomberg)

US T-bills depressed by weaker dollar

Bond markets were a mixed bag yesterday, with German Bunds scoring new highs and US Treasuries depressed by a weaker dollar.

There was little data for markets to feed off and the focus remained on Asia, with South Korea announcing it would sign a bailout deal with the International Monetary Fund this morning.

An evening speech from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan

Greenspan also was awaited. The Asia drama is still unfolding and we are nowhere near the curtain-call," said John McNeill, bond strategist at IDEA in London. "The mania for bonds will continue."

That mania drove December Bund futures on LIFFE to a new all-time high at 104.23, putting the contract 25 basis points higher on the day. French and Italian

bond futures also hit new highs. McNeill said that while investors initially had been wary when the yield on 10-year cash Bunds hroke below 5.5 percent, they were now targeting the 5.0% level.

"Bunds have a lot further to go," be said.

They were yielding 5.42% by 1500 GMT. Lorenzo Gallenga, fund manag-

er at Newton Investment Management in London, favoured gilts in the one- to five-year sec-



"We don't reckon there will be too many more rate rises," he

The Bank of England meets for its two-day monetary meeting starting today, but analysts agree a

basis points in the next three

vield of 6.045%.

months versus 116 now.

waits to see if recent rate rises have been enough to bring the economy off the boil. Base rates have risen 125 basis points this year and currently stand at 7.25%. 129.20/30 on Monday. Gallenga said he expects the 10-There was only second her US year gilt sector to benefit as well and targets a gilt/Bund gap of 100

In the US, Treasuries were trading easier. The long bond was quoted at 101-03, down 2/32 for a

Traders said a weaker dollar was helping to restrain the market. The dollar eased more than one yen after Japanese finance

officials expressed concern at the

pace of the yen's retreat. The yen hit a five-and-a-half year low against the dollar on Monday. Itwas at 128.59/64 yen in late European trade compared with

economic data out yesterday. The Conference Board reported leading indicators rose 0.2% in October after a 0.2% gain on September, steady on forecasts. Of more interest would be Greenspan's speech after the market's close at the Economic Club

of New York. Traders will be looking for any hints on how November payroli data on Friday may pan out. (Reuters)

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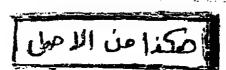
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for third straight win By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Win three or not win three - that is the question Israel's nacional basketball team will be out to answer when they take the floor against the host Danish national squad tonight, as part of the preliminary round of competition in the European championships.

With two victories already, Israel is off to a light-ning start in Group C in the race for a spot in the championships scheduled for France in 1999. Guy Goodes, Nadav Henefeld and Gur Shelef have all been outstanding in the club's two wins thus far, and a third triumph, particularly on the road, would give Israel a substantial bonus before the competition goes

on hiatus until next February. The Danish club, while not considered a particularly strong rival, has a few European players who could conceivable pose problems. Mikaal Larsen (2.07) and Michael Andersen (2.13) both play on AAK Athens, and it was still unclear whether AAK officials would allow the two to travel to Deomark for the game, since the two reportedly have an important league

LONDON (Reuters) - Leeds

manager George Graham

signed a new long-term contract

yesterday making him one of the highest paid bosses in English

"I'm more than happy to commit myself to Leeds United for the next few years," the former

Arsenal manager said after sign-

ing s deal reported to be for four

years and worth around £1 mil-

The 53-year-old Scot said the

signing would end speculation linking his name to other jobs -

particularly that at Glasgow

Rangers - and allow him to con-

Graham joined Leeds after

serving a one-year suspension

for receiving unauthorized pay-

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Defense has been the key to Israel's success so far, especially the play of Shelef, who made eight steals vs. Ukraine Saturday oight in Israel's 65-62 victory.

On offense, the club has avoided having to rely on Oded Katash, giving the Maccabi Tel Aviv guard time to recover from a nagging Achilles heel injury while also providing an opportunity for Goodes, who has made the most of it. Nadav Henefeld has looked like a different player with the nadonal team, scoring 15 points and grabbing oine rebounds against the

Coaches Muli Katzurin and David Blatt deserve full poiots for preparing the club in an outstanding fashion both mentally and physically. A victory will leave Israel as king of its division castle, perhaps along with Spaio, which goes into tonight's action with an identical 2-0 mark, a lofty perch Israel has proven this week through hard work and team play that it rightfully deserves.

Graham Pakistan in strong re-signs position to clinch series with Leeds

RAWALPINDI (AP) - Pakistan was in a strong position to elinch the three-match series against West Indies after keeping the visitors to 99 for six in the second innings at stumps on the fourth day of the second cricket Test yesterday.

West Indies earlier in the day conceded a 168-run first innings lead after Pakistan innings folded at 471 in reply to West Indies 303. However, the cream of West Indies batting line-up crumpled in front of pace duo Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis and are still 69 runs in

arrears to make Pakistan bal again with only four wickels in hand. Carl Hooper was fightlog the grim battle on an attacking 44, which included three sixes in leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed's one over. He survived a vicious beamer from Younis before umpires called off the day's play 19 overs before schedule due to bad light.

Debutante opener Philo Wallace, who was out for five in his first Test innings, yet again failed to give his side a decent start wheo Younis had him trapped leg before for just eight.

Brian Lara continued his poor form in the series with scores of only 3, 37 and 15 behind him in the three Test inniogs on the current series. Desperately needing a big innings from Lara, the clouds of defeat loomed large on West Indies when the left-hander played a loose shot off Akram's slower delivery and was smartly caught and bowled by Pakistan skipper in only the 11th over after scoring just a single off 16 balls.

Stuart Williams (1) fell to a controversial no-ball from Akram as TV replays clearly showed that Azhar Mehmood had the baisman caught at gully position but not before Akram had over-stepped the bowling crease. However, Pakistan umpire Javed Akhtar failed to judge.

The daring opener Sherwin Campbell, who scored a polished 78 in the first innings, and Carl Hooper, put on 41 runs for the third wicket before

leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed struck shortly after tea.

Campbell stroked three sweetly timed boundaries before he was bowled between his legs while trying to play a pull shot of Ahmed after making 34 off 79 deliveries.

'Just to be close to the kids'

Matt Williams orchestrates deal to expansion Diamondbacks

CLEVELAND (AP) - The Cleveland Indians seot Mart Williams home to Arizona oo Monday, acquiring Travis Fryman and left-hander Tom Martin from the Diamoodbacks in a trade brought about by a player's

Williams, a power-hitting third baseman who wanted desperately to play io Phoenix to be with his children, agreed to a \$45 million, five-year extension with the Diamondbacks as part of the trade - then essentially gave his new team \$2.5m to get the deal

This is the most important decision of the rest of my life," said the receotly divorced Williams, who agreed to reduce his '98 salary from \$7- to 5m.

"As a result, he's bere," said Dismondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo.

"It certainly has the feel of an unprecedented gesture," said Williams' agent, Jeff Moorad. Williams' divorce from his wife

of eight years began during spring training and was finalized at midseason. His three children live in Paradise Valley, Arizona, which is near Phoenix.

Williams, 32, batted .263 with 32 homers and 105 RBIs in his only season with the Indians. As divorce proceedings pulled down his spirits and batting average. Williams repeatedly told the Cleveland froot office that he would sign with Arizona wheo his contract was up next year.

Cleveland general manager John Hart ealled it "one of the most unusual circumstances I have been



HOT CORNER - 3B Matt Williams heads for Phoenix and hands-on fatherhood.

through." "We don't want to get the reputation that we're the benevolent team and if you don't want to play bere, you can get out," Hart said. "If there was not a value deal, we were willing to

keep Matt and stick it out." Fryman, 28, was acquired by Arizona from the Detroit Tigers on Nov. 18 in a trade the eight of the expansion draft. He hit .274 last

season with 22 borners and 102 RBIs, topping 20 homers and 100 RBIs for the second straight sea-

Martin, 27, was 5-3 with a 2.09 ERA for Houston last season. He was selected by the

Diamondbacks with their first pick of the second round of the expansion draft. Williams was entering the final

made him Cleveland's highestpaid player in 1998. The Indians tried to trade him to Arizona on the day of the expansion draft, but Twins ponder move The group that intends to buy

the deal fell through. the Minnesota Twins and move them to North Carolina said Monday it was moving into the final stage of negotiating a pur-

ehase agreement.
"We have substantially completed our due diligence and have been working on all the details necessary to get a definitive eco-tract that is agreeable to all paroes," said Don Beaver, chairman of North Carolina Major League

Baseball LLC. "We are in the process of drafting the definitive agreement and the related documents. We will he continuing our discussions with Twins management on these documents and preparing for the submission of the documents to major league baseball in the next several

Beaver and Twins owner Carl Pohlad signed an agreement ion October saying they would negooate a purchase unless the Minnesota government approved fuoding for a new ballpark by Nov. 30. The Minnesota House defeated a stadium financing proposal 84-47 on Nov. 13.

Baseball owners must approve both a sale and a relocation.

They are oot likely to vote until next June or September, preferring not to decide until North Carolina decides whether to fund a ball-

Ofer becomes 4th coach this season at Hapoel Beersheba

By ORI LEWIS

As predicted, the short tenure of Bulgarian coach Gyorgi Tzvetkov at the belm of Hapoel Beersheba came to an eod yesterday, just one week after he took up his post. He was replaced by Eliahu Ofer,

Tzvetkov was in charge of the club for only one match, the 2-0 home defeat against Hapoel Beit She'an. Chairman Eli Zino was said to be very disappointed with the Bulgarian's recruit-

ing abilities: He brought three of his countrymen whom he had recommended personally, but all proved to be very disappointing on the day of the game. One of them, Valentin Dratilov, was sent home the following day. The fate of the other two, Peter Ajuv and Pelman Timeney, is still to be decided.

Ofer, the round, dour disciplinarian, was once a player with Beersheba, and was a member of the bistoric side which woo the National League title two seasons in a row in the mid-1970. Ofer later became a coach with Hapoel

Jerusalem where he had limited success in the Second Division.

Ofer is the fourth coach to take charge of Beersheba this season, following Benny Tabak, Jackie Dekel and Tzvetkov, but the frequent changes have not done the club - which languish at the bottom of the league - any good.

Two players have also been drafted in to try help the club - defenders Ehud Kehila and Bahajat Uda - but the long haul back to respectability still appears to be a faint prospect

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The gloves come off for 'Saint' Frank

BRITAIN'S image of Frank events perhaps proved there was. Bruno has always been nothing It proved, if there was a need, Bruno has always been nothing less than wholesome. Perversely, for someone whose main employment came from smashing his huge fists into an opponent's skull, big Frank always came across as a rather cuddly. In fact, his whole appeal seemed to stem from the fact that despite being involved in one of the most brutal of sports, he always

approached his work with a happy-go-lucky determination, liberally sprinkled with an innate gentle-



Which is why the nation was

collectively shocked last week when it learned there was trouble on the Bruno domestic froot. Wife Laura went to the High Court to obtain a restraining order against Frank, stopping him from using violence against her. To add to the injury, the court proceedings were carried out while Frank was playing the establishmeot celebrity at an occasion with the Royal Family.

From the outside looking in, the Brunos' marriage had seemed rock steady. In fact Laura seemed as much a partner in business as in love. Those in the know say that to get to Frank you have to first get past Laura. Her role in his rise was pivotal. A notoriously tough cookie, she helped shape his career.

Through Frank's capacity to earn big bucks through boxing and various other sidelines panto, TV appearances, endorsements - this essentially workingclass couple have propelled themselves into the super league. Owning a country pile on the fringes of London, Frank has accumulated enough "bunce," as he memorably puts it, to settle down and relax.

And yet there lies the rub. The state of the Bruno's marriage is, of course, their own business. But when the nation learned that Frank - cuddly, lovely Frank - had been subjecting his wife to violence, then the sound of the image slipping could be

heard from Preston to Plymouth. Many ex-boxers came out of the woodwork to say they suspected Bruno may have succumbed to something they them. selves suffered from - the once: proud, big name fighter having retired and finding time on his hands with little to fill it.

When Bruno, a supremely focused individual, hung up the gloves for good, it appears there may have been enormous pressures on his family life. If violence did occur - and Bruno went onto national radio soon after the storm broke, urging everyone "not to believe everything you read in the papers" - then it is inexcusable. But perhaps understandable.

When Bruno finally won a world championship in 1996, it seemed like the perfect ending to the rags-to-riches story.

Likeable, witty and good with the media, the man had already made a career out of being a personality - the win was just the icing on the cake and helped elevate his popularity to unknown levels. But deep down, there has always been a sense that the British public and the press in particular, has been reluctant to take Bruno seriously. The jokey, affable persona he cultivated always seemed slightly false and hinted at something else lurking behind the clown. Last week's

that Bruno is human after all. There wasn't the hysterical media coverage of this dark story some other less loved celebrities might have expected. It was as though the newspaper editors. too, didn't know how to handle the slipping of the halo. Typically, Bruno has come out fighting, at least metaphorically,

saying he is going to devote more time to his family, announcing plans to become a box-

ing agent and promoter (a paradox if ever there was one!). But if through this; we all see a different side to Frank - and take him more seriously - then perhaps, after all, some good will

> Banking on a Minister who knows his brief

The last time a British Minister for Sport occupied as many headlines as the present incumbent was in the late 1970s.

And way back then, Denis Howell's profile had much to do with the fact that he combined the sports job with that of Minister for Drought. In a sticky, swelter-ing Britain of 1976, this side of his job propelled him into the

Since Howell's brief flirtation with fame, however, holders of this government post have varied from the bland to the anodyne. The names trip off the tongue . . . well, er, no they don't actually.

A more forgettable bunch of politicians it would be hard to Then in May this year New

Labor swept to power in the General Election and after Prime Minister Tony Blair had handed out the heavyweight cabinet positions, he picked up the phone and offered Tony Banks the job of Sports Minister.

Banks, a ootoriously mouthy, non-conformist, left wing backbencher - and a Chelsea fan to boot, admits he was "gobs-macked" by the offer and suspected it was a hoax call.

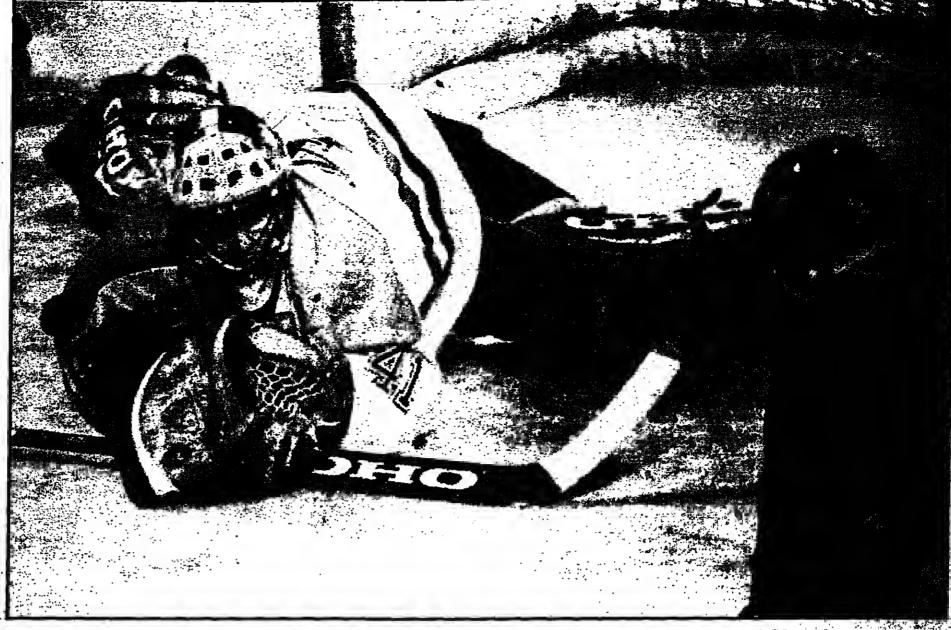
Having realized the call was indeed from the PM, he accepted, and got on with the job of raising the profile of British sport. Which he has done, spectacularly.

The only problem is, it has been accompanied by a series of alleged gaffes. These include crossing his fingers in public when performing the ritual swearing of allegiance to the Queen which all ministers must do, playing down England's chances of winning the World Cup and telling Rupert Murdoch he controls too much sport on.

Spot anything about the man from this? Yes, he tells the truth. In the safe, hland political landscape we now have in Britain, Banks shines like a beacon. And we should be very grateful for

This man speaks more from the fans' perspective than any previous minister could have hoped to, clearly articulating their hopes and fears. He has a clear command of his brief and isn't afraid to ask awkward questions.

This week, he rounded on his critics, accusing them of having the mental capacity of a mint and vowing to carry on doing the job his way. The hope is that Blair allows this minister to do just that - and achieve the results we are all hoping for.



FULL STRETCH - Canadiens' goalie Jocelyn Thibault makes a sprawling save on Penguins' Stu Barnes during first-period action in Montreal.

Wesley returns to haunt Bruins

GREENSBORO, NC (AP) -Carolina defenseman Glen Wesley scored two goals against his old team, leading the Hurricanes to a 3-1 win over the slumping Boston Bruins on Monday night.

Wesley's goal at 2:09 of the second period was his third this season and proved to be the gamewinner against Boston, which traded him to the then-Hartford Whalers in 1994.

Since then, Wesley has 12 points in 14 games against Boston. The Bruins are 1-7-4 in their last 12 games.

Programme 1, Canadiens 0 Jaromir Jagr scored at \$202 of the third period as the Pittsburgh Penguins extended their unbeatena streak to eight games.

The win, in Montreal, allowed Pittsburgh to move ahead of Montreal into first place in the Northeast Division. The Penguins. who beat Montreal 6-3 in Pittsburgh on Saturday, are 7-0-1 in their last eight.

The Canadiens have lost three straight games for the first time this season and are 1-5-1 in their lasi seveni Pittsburgh goalie Tom Barrasso stopped 25 shots for his fourth

SPORTS

shutout this season. Flyers 1, Sabres 1, OT In Philadelphia, Buffalo's Brian Holzinger tied the game with a

third-period goal as the Sabres remained unbeaten in eight overtime games this season (2-0-6). Erie Lindros scored for the Flyers, who are undefeated in their

last four games (2-0-2). Philadel hia licked up a penalty for too many men on the ice with 50 seconds left in the third period, but was able to kill it. Buffalo got

the only shot in overtime. Coyotes 3, Panthers 2 Keith Tkacbuk scored three goals and the Phoenix Coyotes added to Florida's home woes in

Miami.

game and 16th of the season snapped a 2-2 tie at 5:37 of the dind period. The goal was set by Teppo Neumminen, whose shot was redirected at the net by Tkachuk and got past Florida goaltender Mark Fitzpatrick.

Tkachuk's third goal of the

The Panthers have the league's worst home record at 3-10-3 Flames 3, Sharks 2, OT

German Titov scored 1:22 into overtime, giving the host Calgary Flames a victory over the San Jose Sharks. Michael Nylander intercepted a

clearing attempt along the San Jose boards and found Titow uncovered in the slot, where he beat goaltender Mike - Vernon: between the pads. The loss spoiled the return to Calgary for Vernon, who made his

first start in his hometown since being traded from the Flames to Detroit on June 29, 1994.

Jarome Iginia and Jamie Allison also scored for the Flames, who are unbeated in four games (240-2). Murray Craven scored two goals and Owen Nolan had two assists for San Jose, which is winless in its past five games (0-4-1). Red Wings 3, Canucks 3, OT

Martin Tapointe scored with less than four minutes left in the third period to give the Detroit Red Wings a tie with the host Vancouver Canucks.

Lapointe fired the puck through goalie Kirk McLean's pads at 16:22 after getting the rebound of wide shot by teammate Igor-

. The Red Wings extended their unbeaten streak to five games. The Canucks are unbeaten in

their last four. Detroit trailed 3-1 going into the third period, but started its strong comeback with a power-Tkachuk scored a goal in each period for his fifth career hat trick. Sons for Calgary, finished with 25 at 10:39.

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Malone leads Jazz to fifth straight win

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Maloue scored 19 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as the Utah Jazz fought off the New Jersey Nets 100-95 Monday night for

their fifth straight win.

The Jazz held New Jersey to just three field goals in the fourth quarter and made several elutch free throws down the stretch to preserve their seventh straight win over the Nets.

Sam Cassell had 26 points and 10 assists for New Jersey before

fouling out.

Cassell's free throws with 3:08 to play pulled the Nets within 90-89. But Cassell slapped Bryon Russell's wrist on a jump sbot on the Jazz's next possession and

The Nets failed to score oo their oext three possessions, and Malone banked an inbounds pass off the back of a New Jersey play-

er and scored with 32 seconds to play to seal Utah's win. Utah made a 14-5 run to start the

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second half, but New Jersey made a 10-2 run of its own. David Benoit's 3-pointer with 0:08 left in the third period gave the Nets a 76-75 lead heading to the fourth.

New Jersey got a big game from

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Benoit, who had 11 points, including three 3-pointers.

The Nets scored on their first four possessions of the second. quarter and held a 37-28 lead, but Utah made a 20-6 run over the next 6:57 to move ahead 48-43.

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Satar), 4:34. Shots on goal—Buffalo 6-5-6
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of 5. Goalies—Buffelo 1 of 4:28

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(Nolan, Houlder), 10:09, 3, San Jose, Craven 5
(Nolan, Booger), 19:25 (pp). Second Period—4, Calgary, Iginia 7 (Cassett), 371
Third Period—None, Penalty—Bodger, 51
(hooking) 16:41, Overtime—5, Calgary, Titov 4
(Nylander), 1:22, Shots on goal—San Jose, Val (Nylander), 1:22, Shots on goal—San Jose, Val (Nylander), 1:22, Shots on goal—San Jose, Val (Nylander), 1:22, Shots on goal—San Jose, Vernon 7:1-11 (28) shots-25 saves). Calgary, Tabaracd 5:10:4
(23-21), A—15,258.

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Pippen's trade demands trouble Jordan, Jackson

DEERFIELD, Illinois (AP) - Phil of the NBA's 50 greatest players ackson and Michael Jordan say ever, Pippen is ranked 122nd on this Jackson and Michael Jordan say they feel betrayed by Scottie Pippen, who has said he'll never again play for the Chicago Bulls.

Jackson said Monday that the Bulls have recovered from the initial shock of Pippen's public trade demand last week. But the coach also said there might be lingering resentment even if the All-Star forward changes his mind and returns to the team he helped win five National Basketball Association

"It's all right to hold it against Scottie," Jackson said.

"We care about Scottie, but we're going to hold this against Scottie because he's walking out on us, there's no doubt about that.

Jordan didn't talk to reporters Monday but said after Saturday's game that he was "disappointed, very disappointed, that (Pippen) hasn't been able to put aside his dealings with management"

Pippen claims that general manager Jerry Krause and owner Jerry Reinsdorf have disrespected him by dangling him as trade bait, most recently last June, and by paying him only about \$2.7 million this season under terms of a contract extension he signed in 1991. Considered one year's salary list.

Pippen, who hasn't played this season after undergoing foot surgery, is expected to be healthy in two to four weeks but has said he won't wear a Bulls uniform again. Jackson and Jordan said they might not have returned this season

ness during the summer. There is that kind of feeling: 'Hey, we came back to do this job together and Scottie ducked out the

had Pippen expressed his unhappi-

door," Jackson said. Jackson said Jordan probably wouldn't have come out of retirement in 1995 had Pippen not urged him to do so.

"I don't think Michael forgets the fact that when Scottie was here alone in '94 and '95, that he was ... saying, 'Come on back, come on back, Michael, and help me out with this load," Jackson said.

"So I'm sure Michael's going to get back at Scottie, hold his feet to

planned after the season.

Jordan already has said that he'll retire for good if Jackson leaves as

'I'm going to enjoy the game and

go out with a smile instead of sad-

ness. I've always dreamed it to be

that," Jordan said. "I'm not going to jump off the ship now, in the middle of the season. If the ship's going to go down, I'm certainly going to be on it when it goes down." The Bulls were 72-10 two years

ago and 69-13 last season - the best records in NBA history. They are 9-7 this season without Pippen, their second-leading scorer and rebounder, primary ballhandler and top defender.

"Sometimes these things are really what derail basketball clubs," Jackson said. "The expectations, the exaltation of being a championship team, all those things go out the win-dow without Scottie Pippen."

Pippen didn't talk to reporters Monday, and Jackson said there was no indication how long it would take to resolve the situation.

"It could take a month, six weeks, two months," Jackson said. "The trading deadline is, what, Feb. 19? This could be a forever thing. So we're not going to get into what the roller-coaster ride of something like this could mean to the club.

"Whatever he's doing, if he's painting himself into a corner, be can unpaint that comer. If he wants to remain in the corner, then we have to

Golden State's Sprewell suspended indefinitely for assaulting coach

OAKLAND, Ca. (AP) - All-Star guard Latrell | lengthened, St. Jean said. Sprewell was suspended indefunitely Monday after physically assaulting Golden State toach P.I. Carleston at practice, the team said Sprewell, the team's leading scorer with a 2K4 average was suspended without pay for at least 10 games. Warriors general manager to Garry St. Jean said at a news conference Monday ment.

Monday might:

The suspension begins with today's home Warriors were being blown out by the Los game against the Cleveland Cavalicas and will. Angeles Eakers.

Last at least through Dec. 22. St. Jean said.

As punishment, Carlesimo sent from to the St. Jean cafled it a "very very scrious matter." We alrea't going to tolerate the conduct. Sprewell talled the coach an (expletive) joke. That was displayed on the count today, he said.

Two days later a very very lateration, Carlesimo, off to a I-13 start in his first year.

at Golden State, said he and Sprewell argued benched him for the start of the Warriors' next there during a dellar nizotice. Monday

wice during a drill in practice Monday.

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Sprewell, a first-round pick from Alabama contract, who is in his sixth NBA season, was not avail - Sprewell

very positive way it could be shortened some he wrose their numbers on the backs of his or if we is not making progress, it could be sneakers.

Basically, we have to have an understanding of what the problems were and how a team operates. We have guidelines. We have very specific rules for misphondination or misconduct by our players and this certainly crossed the line. Sprewell augered Carlesimo on November 9

when the player classed on the beach as the Warners were being blown out by the Los

game against the Detroit Pistons Carlesinso called the clash a "ream issoe" and

Tasked Spira is leave practice. He didn't and Carlesinio called the clash a "team issoe" and words kind of escalated to some physical consaid he was not going to mess any criminal tack he said refising to say how he goed vis charges. It's a situation I clearly would have ble well on his neck preferred not to have occurred, he said. Carlesimo said the two fought again, Spiewell will lose \$935,000 of his \$7.7 milestrianging physical contact about 15 min tion salary from the suspension.

Trouble is nothing new for Spiewell. Two years ago he openly fought with teammate him anyboid, he said. That's really as much Hardaway. The cash, eventually traded details as I would like to go into at this point. Hardaway and signed Sprewell to a long-term.

who is in his sixth NBA season, was not avail— Sprewell was unhappy with former coach Don able for comment— Nelson's decision to trade Chris Webber and If there is dialogue amongst all parties in a Billy Owens. To protest the trade of his friends.



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Necessity is the mother of invention in 'The Full Monty.'

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The winning composition(s) of the Leonard Bernstein Jerusalem Composition Competition will be performed tonight (8:30) by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA under the baton of Mendi Rodan in the gala festive concert which concludes the competition. The program also features music by Bernstein and Brahms. At the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

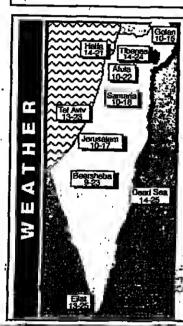
Whiskey Man: Inside the Empire of Samuel Bronfman is a documentary airing on Channel 1 tonight at 9:25. The story of Bronfman is one of the greatest rags-to-riches tales of the century. The son of a Russian-Jewish immigrant, he started out by making whiskey in a Canadian warehouse and selling to American bootleggers during Prohibition. Later he rose to be the billionaire in control of Seagram's, a global corporation which produces Chivas Regal. Glenlivet, VO and Martell Cognac, and owns diverse holdings such as MCA/Universal Studios. Bronfman

was a complex man, consumed by work, devoted to his family, a philanthropist and an authoritarian egotist. Those who will talk about him include Shimon Peres and Edgar Bronfman, Jr.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** THE FULL MONTY - As you may have heard, Peter Cattaneo's film is a comedy about unemployed-steelworkers-numed-male-strippers and the highest-grossing British movie of all time, What this summary doesn't account for, however, is the sweetly mild-mannered, even wistful, nature of the picture at hand. The Full Monty is funny, but it's also very sad, and for all its goofy high-concept elements, the film develops slowly and with surprising restraint as a tender little meditation on the pitfalls posed by both moneymaking and manhood. None of the would-be dancers is especially shapely, and a good deal of the humor and pathos here evolves from watching them try to overcome their own klutziness and embarrassment at their unerly real-looking bodies. The movie manages to satirize and sympathize at once with the men's feelings of inferiority - sexual, economic and otherwise, (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised.)







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8 Girl bitter back in the European capital (6) 9 Whare films may be exposed and crimas unheard of (2.6)

10 John and I can give up the job (4,2,2) . 11 Kidnap the sailor by the canal (8)

12 Seems mad to order married ladies abroad! (8) 13 Taking trouble to point out

16 The writing is on the wall

19 Jokes I rarely mada about

Liberal leader (8) 21 Whera marry men lay down for s kip, we hear (6)

23 A painter gets out more when the weather's fine (8) 24 The state of this carriage!

originating from eastern countries (6) 26 Has ordered factory-made

walking stick (8)

DOWN

1 Dim-sighted King in bed 2 Checked - and upbraided

(6,3)

3 Record time in completion of partition (6)

4 Makes up face with oils? (6,1,8)

5 Whale said to be worth a considerable amount (8)

6 Celebrated mothar's return and had a meal out

7 Knighted colonel turns to. company getting the wind up (7)

14 Extension for dining (5,4) 15 A climbing plant(cm)in need of air, it was (8)

17 Bird that is seen first by raw recruits (7) 18 Awful cad sure to organise

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SOLUTIONS



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ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Family Matters 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 News Bash 19:31 Hebrew Songs 19:31 Hebrew Songs 20:00 News 20:45 Moment in Life 20:50 Conference Call 21:25 Whisky Man – profile of billionaira Samuel Brontman 22:15 Dark Sides – two young men find themselves hunted by the Canadian govern-ment and aliens. With Eric Close and Megar

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E CHILDREN (6)

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22:10 Law of Desire (Spanish, 1987) - surreal comedy by Pedro Almodovar about a transsexual love trian-gle in the film industry. With Carmen Maura end Antonio Banderas 23:50 Heliraiser (1987, 89 mins.) – horror film by Clive Barker. A

young couple move into a new house with-

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Out There? (1994) — a woman who went through the crisis of cancer decides to go back to college 20:30 Terror in the Family (1996, pt) 22:00 Highway 61 (1991) — an eccentric corredy about a small town barber who find hirmself traveling from Ontario to New

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SHOWING (5)

13:55 Take Two (Hebrew, 1972) – an advertising director meets an American woman and is enlightened about his life 15:40 Rave Review (1995) – a theater director is so frustrated by bad reviews that he decides to stop at nothing to get good reviews for his new play. With Ed Begley Jr. and Joe Spano 17:15 Captive Heart, James Mink (1994) – a black millionaire and his white wife travel in the 1850s American South in search of their kidnapped daughter. With Lou Gosset Jr. and Kate Neiligan

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E FAMILY CHANNEL 7:00 Good Evening

with Guy Pines (rpt) 7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt) & 00 Sunset Beach 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives 11:15 Duice Ane (rpt)

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E CHANNEL 6

6:00 Open University 6:00 A Healthy Body 8:30 The Nature of Things: Allergies (rpt) 9:20 New World, Saving the Planet (rpt) 9:45 Katia and Marielle Labeque 10:45 King Lear – Shakespeare's play with Laurence Ofivier 12:00 Arvo Part's St. John's Passion 13:15 Seekers of the Lost Treasures: The Great Belzoni (rpt)

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ESTAR SPORTS 6:00 Cricket 6:30 World Cricket 9:30 Golf: Look at

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Whitbread Race

12:30 World Sport 13:30 American Edition - 18845 Q&A (16) Y

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INVOICE OF MUSIC 6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Brahms: Quintet in B minor for clarinet and strings op 115 (Hilton, Lindsay Ot);

Bloch: Quintet for piano and strings (Glaser, Fine Art Qt); Mozart: Oboe concerto Violin concerto no Oistrakh/NYPO/Mitron

Concerto in D minor for 2 violins BWV 1043 (Menuhin,

, harpsichord); Beethoven: Leonora

15:00 Keys 16:00 Weber-Berlioz: Invitation to the Dance

(Philharmonia/Karaja:); Mozart: Violin con-

certo no 5 (Menuhin/Bath Fest); Rossini: excerpts from The Barber of Sevilla

(Callas and others/Philharmonia/G

Minuet in A (Bylsma, Van Asperen); Purcell: song (Deller, Lester); Rheinberger: Sarabande for organ,

violin and cello; Spohn Sonata in C minor for

flute and harp;

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(Tzahor, piano); Brahms: Quartet in G

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Today 14:30 Wild World (rpt) 15:00 Newsdesk & Business Report 15:30 The World Today 16:30 Clothes Show

13:00 Motorsports 14:00 Badminton: Their

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Business Report 2:05 USA Direct 2:30 Holiday (rpt)

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RADIO

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MOVIES

Geographic: Ocean Drifters 20:00 VIP

20:30 The Ticket 21:00 Dateline 22:00 Euro PGA Golf

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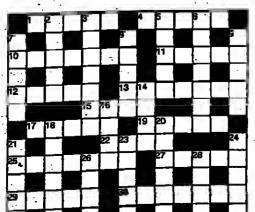
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England bumped from World Cup seedings

MARSEILLE (AP) — Romania in the opening stages.

The problem of not being seeded and the Netherlands will be among the eight seeds at tomorrow's World Cup draw.

The eight seeded teams will be able to avoid each other in the openiog round of group games and FIFA's organizing committee decided yesterday that nations such as 1994 semifinalist Bulgaria, Olympic champion Nigeria, and England will not be

amone them With defending champion Brazil and host naoon France automatically seeded, the 28-member FIFA committee decided the other six.

European champion Germany, three-time World Cup champion and 1994 runner-up Italy, twotime champion Argeotina and Spain — third on the FIFA world ranking list — were chosen but the other two places were wide

The World Cup draw always seems to throw up a "Group of Death." Tuesday's announcement means that teams like Bulgaria, Nigeria and England - considered contenders for the title - could play Brazil, Germany or Argentina is the inevitability of meeting one of the powerhouses in the first stages of the competition.

It happened to Uruguay in 1986 and the Netherlands in 1990. In 1994, Norway went out despite having the same points as

Mexico, Ireland and Italy.

The 28 members of the FIFA committee decided to stick to the same format as it used in the 1994 finals. That involved judging teams on their World Cup records, especially the last three competitions, in conjunction with their positions in

the latest FIFA rankings.

England has climbed to sixth place in the rankings but was a borderline case to be seeded because it failed to qualify for the last World Cup in 1994. By contrast, it was a semifinalist in 1990 and quarterfinalist four years earlier. Bulgaria, a semifinalist in '94

lost out because it failed to make it to the 1990 finals and also had slipped six places in the latest rankings to 24th.

Romania, a steady fifth in the rankings after gaining the best

qualifying record (9-1-0) of all 32 nations, was a quarterfinalist in 1994 and reached the second round in '90.

That record meant that the Romanians successfully edged out their rivals for one of the last two spots.

The Netherlands, also a quarterfinalist in '94, got the seeding despite slipping four points to 12th in the rankings.

draw are: From Europe -Germany, England, Denmark, Nether-Romania, Bulgaria. Spain, Yugoslavia, Norway, Belgium, Croatia, Austria and Scotland.

From South America - Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Paraguay and Chile.

From Africa - Nigeria, South Africa, Cameroon, Tunisia, and

From Asia - South Korea, apan, Saudi Arabia, and Iran. From N. and C. America -Mexico, Jamaica and the United:



TOP EIGHT - FIFA secretary-general Sepp Blatter (r) presides over the World Cup seedings. Head of communication Keith Cooper looks on.





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Packers end jinx

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - With one fluttering, floating, wish-I-had-it-back pass, the Green Bay Packers' Metrodome jinx finally ended.

Brett Favre threw it. Corey Fuller muffed the interception. And as the ball bounced in the end zone, it took with it the Minnesota Vikings' home mastery over their interstate rivals.

Given the locky break he waited six years for, Favre followed with a touchdown pass on the next play for a 10-3 halftime lead and the momentum the Packers needed for a convincing 27-11 win Monday

Coach Mike Holmgren smiled, his 0-for-Minnesota slump finally over and his fifth straight playoff berth guaranteed. For that he could thank Favre, who avoided the mental lapses that doomed the Packers the last five years; Dorsey Levens, who carried 31 times for 108 yards and two TDs; and a rejuvenated defense that had

six sacks, 2½ by Reggie White.

The Packers (10-3) all but eliminated Minnesota (8-5) from the NFC Ceotral race, and can clinch the title by beating second-place Tampa Bay (9-4) on the road Sunday.

Minnesota lost its third straight game, and in the space of nine days has gone from a first-place tie to one game out of fourth in the tough Central.

With a road game at San Francisco up next, followed by a home game against rejuvenated Detroit (7-6), the Vikings' oncesolid playoff hopes seem shaky.

The Vikiogs had pleoty of chances Monday night, beginning with Fuller's misplay late in the second quarter. With the score tied 3-3, Favre

dodged a pass rusher and tossed a hurried, wobbly pass toward the corner of the end zone, where Robert Brooks was double cov-. The ball floated right to Fuller,

who leaped for what should have been an easy, drive-killing interception. Instead, it bounced off his hands twice and fell incomplete. On the next play, Favre threw an 18-yard TD pass to Brooks with 2:10 left in the half.

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Tomorrow: Tennessee at Cincinnati Sunday, Dec.7: Buffalo at Chicago, Denver at Pittsburgh, Green Bay at Tampa Bay, New England at Jacksoville, NY Giants at Philadelphila, Caldand at Kansas City, St. Louis at New Orleans, Seattle at Baltimore, Atlanta at San Diego, Indianapolis at Ney Jets, Minnesota at San Francisco, Washington at Arizona. Detroit at Washington at Arizona, Detroit at flamī. Monday, Dec. 8: Carolina at Dallas

y-clinched playoff berth

49ers' DeBartolo may face indictment for gambling fraud

BATON ROUGE (AP) -Edward DeBartolo Jr. resigned as the head of the San Francisco 49ers yesterday amid reports that he and former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards are to be indicted hy a federal grand jury for gambling fraud.

Debartolo's sister Denise DeBartolo York said she was taking over as chairman and chief executive officer of the NFL club. She

and suspended his membership.

said Carmen Policy will continue to run the team's day-to-day operanons and will become a minority partner, replacing her brother as the team's representative to the NFL for league business.

DeBartolo's probable indictment concerns events surrounding the awarding of a gaming license in March to a partnership that included DeBartolo and Hollywood Casino Corp.

Austrian ski jump champ receives Yugoslav citizenship

BELGRADE (AP) – Three-time World Cup ski jumping champion Andreas Goldberger has received Yugoslavian citizenship, officials said years the first step to competing for the country following his split

with the Austrian Ski Federation.

Yugoslav Ski Federation officials confirmed they were considering filing an official request with the FIS for Goldberger's clearance. However, they said they fear "sanctions" that could be imposed by the powerful Austrian ski officials.

For example, they could ban our Alpine skiers from training in Austria or prevent us from organizing some junior competitions, a

Yugoslav official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Nenad Tatic, a Yugoslav ski official, said the Yugoslavs had sent a fax to the FIS and the Austrian Ski Federation demanding details about Goldberger's legal status.

Belgrade media were ecstatic about the prospect of Yugoslavia having a ski jumping champion. "Goldberger is now our gold mine," said a headline in the high-circu-

lation Blic yesterday. Last April, Goldberger admitted on Austrian television that he had once used cocaine in a Vienna disco. The Austrian federation fined him